

Labour won't seek early poll just yet

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

Labour Party leader Shimon Peres said yesterday that the Alignment would take no initiative to bring about early elections until the appropriate party forums have discussed the issue in the next few weeks.

But Peres told the Alignment faction executive: "If the government proposes early elections, we shall vote in favour."

Peres also said the Alignment could not agree to holding municipal elections earlier or later than the time already set, this autumn.

A high ranking Labour source told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that "despite all the talk, Labour will not take the first step. The option of Knesset elections this fall, to coincide with the local elections, is realistic. Labour will wait for a more opportune time," said the source.

He stressed that there is "no real

intention" in the party to precipitate general elections. "It is not in our interest," he argued.

The source said the Likud, which is challenging Labour to make the first move, is merely seeking to "frighten" its smaller coalition partners into joining the coalition line. The coalition partners are extremely wary of elections and are in no shape to contest them. The Likud is not likely to want to incur their ill-will by voting for a Labour early elections bill.

Likud sources have been saying that if Labour makes the first move the Likud will vote for early elections.

Labour is not sure it would beat the Likud in an election, although it feels its prospects are on the upswing. Although the Likud is presently not responding to anti-war protests, for example, it is said in Labour, that it will be fiercely antagonistic once an election campaign is underway.

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Israeli troops patrol Lebanon's coastal road yesterday on the lookout for hidden explosives and other weapons. (IPFA)

Syria may permit visit by Shultz

DAMASCUS. — Syria is willing to keep open the door to a visit by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, but not to discuss its veto of the Israel-Lebanon troop withdrawal accord, informed Syrian sources said yesterday.

Nothing reports that Shultz may make a new swing through the Middle East late this month or early in July, they referred to repeated Syrian statements denouncing the Shultz-negotiated May 17 Israeli pullout accord.

Al-Ba'ath, newspaper of the ruling Syrian party, said Israel would have to withdraw unconditionally from Lebanon before Syria pulls out its troops.

Syria said on May 18 it would not receive U.S. Middle East trouble shooter Philip Habib, who laid the groundwork for the accord, branding him hostile to the Arabs.

There has been no official word of a new Shultz visit, though Habib's deputy, Morris Draper, in a U.S. television interview on Sunday, did not rule out the possibility.

In another development, France has reportedly offered to act as a go-between if the U.S. accepts an indirect dialogue with the PLO.

The Kuwaiti newspaper of *Ra'at Am* citing unidentified diplomatic sources in Paris, said yesterday that Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson

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Shamir to EEC: Get Syria to withdraw

Jerusalem Post Staff
Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday called on European Economic Community members to use their influence in Syria to get it to withdraw its forces from Lebanon.

At a luncheon with the ambassadors of the 10 EEC countries, Shamir said that the EEC should cancel the actions against Israel they had imposed at the beginning of the war in Lebanon.

Shamir told the ambassadors that one could get the impression that western countries do not do enough to promote a Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon, even though they accept in principle that following the Israel-Lebanon agreement, it is now Syria's turn to agree to withdraw.

In response to questions, Shamir said that Israel is prepared to start negotiations with Syria without any preconditions. He expressed the hope that Egypt-Israel relations will improve, and said Israel is waiting for the return to Tel Aviv of the Egyptian ambassador and the resumption of the Camp David peace process.

IDF vehicles ambushed at Nabatiya, no one hurt

Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies

NABATIYA. — Two Israeli Defence Forces vehicles were yesterday evening in an ambush of light-arms fire on the road west of here. No one was hurt and there was no damage to the vehicles.

The IDF closed off the area, but a search uncovered no suspects.

In Shu'eifat, a car rigged with explosives blew up prematurely and killed the three men inside as they headed for a road travelled by an Israeli convoy, an Israeli officer said.

Ten minutes after the explosion, charred bits of the car were strewn around a smouldering olive grove outside the village, which is 8 kilometres south of downtown Beirut. The mutilated body of a man in a red shirt lay on the ground along a narrow road leading to the old Sidon road, the Israeli army's

main supply route from South Lebanon.

An Israeli lieutenant at the scene said the three men in the car were killed.

"One of the bodies was thrown 100 metres in the air, and another body was thrown 20 metres above a tree," the lieutenant said, adding that nothing was left of the third body.

Anti-vehicle mine found near Egyptian border

An anti-vehicle mine was discovered by an Israeli Defence Forces patrol yesterday morning on an unpaved road near the border with Egypt, south of Nitzana. The mine was detonated.

The IDF spokesman said the tracks of those who planted the mine led from and back to Egyptian territory.

IDF denies Ansar prison break

Jerusalem Post Staff

NABATIYA. — Lebanese sources said yesterday that dozens of prisoners escaped yesterday from the Ansar detention camp in Southern Lebanon, but Israel Defence Forces denied this. Tension has been running high in the camp since Sunday, when a prisoner attempting to escape was killed by Israeli soldiers.

Lebanese sources said that IDF helicopters combed the area yesterday for the escapees. IDF sources said that only one IDF helicopter was in the air at the site, and that it was carrying the head of the

military police, Tat-Aluf Meir Geva, to the camp.

News dispatches quoted villagers in the Ansar area as saying dozens of prisoners escaped overnight as heavy gunfire echoed in the area and flames burst from the camp.

The state radio in Beirut said "jailbreaks did occur in Ansar, but the number of those who escaped could not be determined."

One report making the rounds in South Lebanon said a midnight jailbreak was preceded by a terrorist attack on the prison camp. The privately owned Central News Agency, based in Beirut, said inmates sabotaged the prison's generators and set their tents on fire as others cut holes in the barbed wire fences for the escape.

East Plem editor confined to home in refugee camp

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hamdi Faraj, an editor with the East Jerusalem political weekly *A'Shira'a*, has been confined to the Dehaishe refugee camp for six months by order of the OC Central Command.

Another resident of the camp, Nasser Athiya, a member of the Hebron University's student council, has been served with a similar administrative order. Both are apparently thought to be responsible for inciting the political unrest and stone-throwing in the camp which adjoins the Jerusalem-Hebron highway.

The Association of Arab Journalists in the West Bank yesterday protested against the order restricting Faraj, who is a member of its executive committee. The order is part of a campaign to curb the Palestinian press in the territories, the association's statement charged.

Lebanese ratification of pact 'almost certain'

BEIRUT (Reuters). — The Lebanese parliament yesterday began debating the government's troop withdrawal agreement with Israel in a move towards ratification of the accord, which has so far been blocked by Syrian hostility.

Parliamentary sources said it is almost certain the deputies would approve the U.S.-backed agreement by a large majority when the vote is taken, probably today, despite opposition from some Moslem, leftist and pro-Syrian politicians.

Seventy-two deputies out of a maximum of 856 appeared for the debate at a heavily guarded villa on Beirut's old "Green Line," which until last year divided the capital into mainly Christian and Moslem areas.

The single-chamber assembly has 99 seats, but eight deputies have died or been assassinated since elections in 1972 and a further five were reported outside the country.

The agreement has been approved by the Lebanese cabinet and parliamentary committees.

Parliamentary approval is not strictly required by the Lebanese constitution, but President Amin Gemayel is seeking it in a bid to muster as much domestic backing as possible for the accord in the face of Syrian hostility and a cool reception from many Arab states.

Before the agreement can come into force, it must be signed by Gemayel, then Lebanon and Israel

should exchange texts, Lebanese officials say.

Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan said last week parliamentary approval did not necessarily mean the accord will go into effect.

His comments were seen as an attempt to persuade wavering Moslem deputies that a yes vote will not commit Lebanon to go through with the deal, if it will put it on a collision course with Syria and the rest of the Arab world.

Israeli officials have accused

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Rosenne pleased by U.S. relations

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel's new ambassador to the U.S., Meir Rosenne, yesterday hailed the current state of American-Israeli relations.

"I don't see any major disagreements at this stage," Rosenne told nearly 1,000 delegates attending the annual policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the pro-Israel lobbying organization in Washington.

Rosenne, who arrived in Washington one week ago, has been seeing many administration officials during his first few days in the capital. He is scheduled to meet with Secretary George Shultz at the State Department on Friday.

From here into eternity

MOUNTAIN VIEW, California (P). — The Pioneer 10 Explorer from earth's solar system yesterday, the first man-made object to pass the farthest known point — a symbol of humanity's vibrations hurtling into eternity. Staff here cheered and applauded the 258 kilogram spaceship, the first to challenge the unknown round Mars, became the first artefact of the space age to sail beyond nine known planets.

inkins quits as NCID Democrats chief

NDON (Reuters). — Roy Jenkins announced last night that he was stepping down as leader of Britain's vest political party, the Liberal Democrats, after his disappointing showing in the general election last week.

The 62-year-old Jenkins made it he wanted David Owen, a former foreign secretary and co-leader of the party, to succeed him. Jenkins and Owen were members of the "Gang of Four" — former leaders who defected from the option Labour Party in 1981 use of its leftward drift and tant squabbling.

He other two, Shirley Williams and William Rodgers, failed to re-join their parliamentary seats in the election last Thursday. (See story 4).

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Pirate dumping most profitable way to keep on right side of law

Recent highly publicized cases of private dumping of toxic wastes such as dioxin in the U.S. and France have focused attention on the possible involvement of criminal elements, attracted by lucrative gains to be made. In the U.S., an investigation is now under way into allegations that organized crime is

Where the Poison Goes:
The fourth in a series of articles on the disposal of toxic wastes in Israel.

behind pirate dumping of toxic wastes into the garbage system.

In Israel, the appalling inefficiency connected with toxic wastes disposal is not the doing of an underground mafia, but of the government. More energy is spent shifting responsibility back and forth, together with accusations and innuendos, than is devoted to the problem itself and ways of solving it.

The interdepartmental committee on this matter has met frequently over the past few years, but an outsider gets the uneasy feeling that the three members (Dr. Alma Avni, chief public health officer at the Health Ministry; Yigal Erlich, director of the chemical division, Ministry of Industry and Trade; and Dr. Uri Maronof, director of the Interior Ministry's Environment

Protection Service (EPS) are total strangers.

Asked on any one day about any one issue, the outsider is likely to get three different replies. All more or less official, and that more or less negate each other.

While all three agreed with the choice of the Ramat Hovav national toxic wastes disposal site, each had a different conception of its operation. In the end, despite a costly survey now generally agreed to have been "unrealistic" and a gut feeling that the site should operate as a government project, a private contractor was suddenly found and the site hastily opened — and disaster was not far behind.

Danny Ne'eman, chief engineer at Mivnei Ta'asia, the government agency responsible for reopening the site, is not impressed with the various documents drawn up by the interdepartmental committee, because they are too general. While they give an indication of what must

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Rise in temperature, drop in humidity

Jerusalem	Humidity	Yesterday's	Today's
Jerusalem	30	14-28	30
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Nahariya	24	17-27	29
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Haifa Port	42	16-25	29
Tiberias	42	17-22	24
Nazareth	47	15-28	29
Afula	40	17-29	31
Sharon	37	15-30	31
Tel Aviv	62	18-27	29
B-G Airport	37	18-29	31
Jericho	22	17-35	36
Gaza	68	18-26	28
Beer-Sheva	13	13-33	35
Eilat	15	22-38	39

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Rabbi Haim Druckman MK will speak at the dedication of the Yair Landau Memorial Library at the Israel Centre, 10 Straus St., Jerusalem, tonight 8.30.

ARRIVALS

Julius Berman, president of the Orthodox Union in the U.S. and chairman, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, for sessions of the World Zionist Executive.

Bernice S. Tannenbaum, Julius Berman, Arthur Levin, Raymond P. Katz, Kalman Sulank, Philip Suter, Jacques Torenz, Irvach Hamlin, Paul Zuckerman, to attend meetings of the Zionist General Council and Jewish Agency Assembly.

Max M. Fisher, chairman of the board of governors of the Jewish Agency, to attend meetings of the Jewish Agency Assembly.

Brenda Katten, chairman of British WIZO, Miriam Small, national president of Hadassah-WIZO Canada, and Gilbert Ojan, president of WIZO France, for meetings of the Zionist General Council and the Jewish Agency Council.

Top border policeman

Nitzav Pinhas Shahar yesterday was appointed commander of the Border Police by Interior Minister Yosef Burg at a ceremony in Jerusalem. Shahar, 44, married and the father of two sons, was promoted from deputy commander. (Itin)

Champions clash

TEL AVIV. — Israel's soccer league champions Maccabi Tel Aviv meet cupholders Hapoel Tel Aviv in the annual clash of champions at the Ramat Gan stadium at 6 p.m. tonight.

West Germans weigh tank sales to Saudis

BONN (Reuters). — West Germany said yesterday it is reconsidering the possibility of selling its most modern tanks to Saudi Arabia.

The idea had been shelved by the previous left-liberal government because of strong domestic opposition.

Government spokesman Peter Boenisch said a planned visit to Riyadh next autumn by Chancellor Helmut Kohl would be decisive in determining whether Bonn allows arms sales to the kingdom.

The Saudis first expressed interest in buying about 300 Leopard-2 tanks in late 1980. Israel lobbied strongly against any such deal.

SYRIA-SHULTZ

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broached the subject of some form of U.S.-PLO dialogue during a recent meeting with Shultz in the French capital.

The French official emphasized that Paris is "convinced that no solution can be found to the Lebanese crisis and the Middle East problem without the participation of the PLO," the paper said.

Shultz promised to relay the French proposal to President Ronald Reagan, the paper said.

Radio Monte Carlo said last night, according to Kol Yisrael, that Syrian foreign minister Khaddam would shortly be visiting Washington. (Reuters, AP)

PRIZES. — The Haifa Rotary Club this week awarded prizes to pupils of the Beit Muller youth centre for outstanding achievements in the technical subjects they study. Beit Muller, a Rotary-sponsored technical-training centre, is run by the municipality and has 600 pupils.

POETRY PRIZE. — Ya'acov Orland has won this year's Wertheim Poetry Prize, awarded by Bar-Ilan University.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

West German pension scheme

Court action sought against ban

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A number of people who have signed up for the West German social security pension demand that an appeal be made to the High Court of Justice against the Treasury's ban on the scheme.

The Finance Ministry chose Sunday — the deadline for signing up for the pension plan — to announce that it would not permit the export of foreign currency to pay for it.

The demands for court action were received by the Organization for the Implementation of the Social Security Agreement (Israel-West Germany) at its Astoria Hotel suite in Tel Aviv. A spokesman for the private commercial organization told *The Jerusalem Post* that many of its clients called in to protest against the "arbitrary action" of the government in making implementation of the agreement impossible at the last moment.

The chairman of the organization, Zvi Abrahami, is in Berlin, and his reaction to the news in a telephone conversation with his associates was guarded. While describing the Treasury approach as short-sighted, he said that all par-

ticulars of the decision are not clear.

Abrahami pointed out that his main effort in Berlin is to arrange for local banks to advance potential pensioners the money for the back-payments required to make them eligible for early pension pay-outs. The loans would be repaid out of these payments, so that no foreign currency would actually leave Israel.

Such an arrangement would apply to invalids, widows and those over 65, who are particularly harmed by the Treasury's decision.

The spokesman also pointed out that so far there have been no cancellations from the approximately 20,000 persons registered with his organization. Thousands more registered directly through the National Insurance Institute (NII), the official agent here for its German counterpart.

A spokesman for the NII, asked to comment on the Treasury move, said that many of those who registered had acted without obtaining sufficient information.

Asked why the NII does not allow people to pay up retroactively and does not grant greater benefits to those with higher education — as

the Germans do — he said that this would not be worthwhile under local conditions. It would also require special legislation, he added.

The *Post's* Knesset correspondent adds:

A number of kibbutzim and moshavim have registered their members in the West German old age pension scheme, it appears, on the basis of an exchange in the Alignment Knesset faction's executive.

The matter came to light after Yehuda Shaari, who represents the newly joined Independent Liberal wing of the Alignment, suggested that the faction table a motion in the plenum about the Treasury's controversial ban on the scheme.

Shaari was told that the better course would be for Labour's Arik Nehamkin to air the ban in the Knesset Finance Committee.

When Nehamkin was asked for an explanation, he said: "Do you know how many kibbutzim have registered their members in the pension scheme already?"

To which a kibbutz member on the faction executive replied: "Are you forgetting the moshavim which joined?"

Lahat says he won't stand for re-election unless...

By CAROL COOK
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mayor Shlomo Lahat has withdrawn his candidacy for re-election at the head of the Likud list, saying he won't run unless he is re-confirmed by both Herut and his own Liberal Party. The mayor is demanding absolute veto power over candidates for membership on the city council.

Lahat said yesterday he made his decision at a meeting of the Tel Aviv branch of Herut on Sunday night.

He said he asked to speak to party members to "present my views and review my achievements". After giving his talk, Lahat added that he wanted the final say over the party's list for October's municipal elections. Herut activists found this unacceptable.

"After almost 10 years as mayor and I think I've been a good one — I want people on the council that I can work with," Lahat said.

"I told them, if you select candidates I think are inappropriate, I'll ask you to withdraw them. They

didn't agree to that. So I told them, if people I cannot work with are on the list, then I will not be at the head of the list."

Lahat said a few of those attending the meeting had attacked him for personal reasons. "I felt this wasn't healthy so I told them, I want you to meet again and reconfirm me as your candidate. If not, I won't run for mayor. These are my terms."

Hotelier Haim Shiff, who pledged last week to work against Lahat's re-election, was one of the most vocal in attacking him at Sunday's meeting.

David Stern, chairman of Herut's Tel Aviv branch told *The Jerusalem Post* that the party secretariat is scheduled to meet on Friday to discuss Lahat's request.

The conflict between Lahat and the Herut leadership is longstanding, with Herut maintaining that Lahat runs the mayor's office as a one-man show.

Under the terms of the 1965 Gahal agreement between Herut and the Liberals, a Liberal candidate always heads the municipal list in Tel Aviv.

Labour group oppose war inquiry

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — If a commission of inquiry probes the war in Lebanon, it could be dangerous for the country and could boomerang when the Labour Party eventually returns to power. This view was expressed by three members of the Labour Party Bureau at a press conference here yesterday.

The three — Kfar Tavor Local Council Chairman Micha Goldman, Upper Nazareth Mayor Menahem Ariav and Moshav Movement Secretary-General Amos Hadar — said they intend to ask party chairman Shimon Peres to call a meeting of the Bureau to decide not to propose establishing a commission to the Knesset tomorrow.

The three complained that the party's official spokesmen are expressing views to the left of what the party's position should be.

Groups like 'There's a Limit,' or the mothers' demonstration are things which a party that wants to return to power cannot afford to countenance in any way," Hadar said.

"If a commission of inquiry decided who is lying more, (Deputy prime minister-Simha) Ehrlich or (former defence minister Ariel) Sharon, that would be one thing. But an inquiry into the actions of the government could cost us dearly when we are the government," he said.



Norma Shearer as she appeared in *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*.

Actress Norma Shearer dead at 82

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). — Actress Norma Shearer, once known as the first lady of Hollywood and one of its biggest box office attractions in the 1930s, died on Sunday of bronchial pneumonia, a hospital spokeswoman said here yesterday. She was 82.

One of the few actresses able to switch successfully from the silent films to the "talkies" in 1929, Shearer won a Hollywood Oscar in 1930 for her role in *The Divorcee*. Other films included *A Free Soul*, *Private Lives*, *Strange Interlude*, *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Marie Antoinette*, and *The Women*, made in 1939 and her last big hit.

But Shearer was also known in Hollywood for two roles she turned down — as Scarlett O'Hara in *Gone with the Wind*, because her fans pleaded with her not to play a "bad woman," and the title role in *Mrs. Miniver*, because she would have had to portray a mother with a grown son.

RATIFICATION

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Lebanon of dragging its feet over ratifying the agreement due to Syrian pressure. Lebanon denies the charge.

Despite Syria's opposition, U.S. and Lebanese officials have expressed confidence that Syrian President Hafez Assad will eventually agree to pull out of Lebanon.

The *Post* staff adds: About 94 per cent of Lebanese support the Israel-Lebanon agreement as a way of restoring Lebanon's sovereignty, a public opinion poll recently conducted by the French-language weekly *Nouvelles* shows. It said 4 per cent oppose the agreement. The *Christian* community weekly, which has close ties with President Jemayel, says a representative sample of Lebanese was questioned.



The 'Rishon Lezion' Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu is blessed by Rabbi Kadourie of the Jerusalem Sephardi community. (Rahamim Israeli)

'Rishon Lezion' installed

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Resplendent in a blue silk turban and a black robe embroidered with silver threads, Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu yesterday was "crowned" with the title "Rishon Lezion" in Jerusalem's Rabbi Yohanan Ben-Zakkai Synagogue.

The chief rabbi, elected last April along with Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapir, appealed for Jewish unity and to ensure that Torah, rabbis and yeshivot are found in every settlement around the country.

The traditional ceremony was the first to be held in the restored synagogue in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City since the late chief rabbi Meir Uziel received the title in 1939. The synagogue was used as a stable by the Jordanians, and was renovated with the help of the Rothschild family.

It was the first time that the installation of the Sephardi chief rab-

Arafat says mutiny is over, but rebels don't seem to agree

SHTURA, Lebanon (AP). — Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat returned to Lebanon's Bekaa Valley yesterday, and declared that the five-week mutiny in his Fatah faction had ended.

Arafat's military chief, Khalil Wazir, better known as Abu Jihad, later told reporters the mutiny was not over, "but it has been contained and does not form a source of worry for us any more."

Arafat confidently declared, "It's over," as he emerged from a meeting with senior military aides in this Bekaa Valley town upon his return from a 10-day, nine-nation tour, which included India, Rumania and several Arab states.

In Damascus, a spokesman for the rebels immediately rejected Arafat's claim as an "escape from reality."

The spokesman, Jihad Saleh, said in a telephone interview that "nothing is over."

Abu Jihad said that during his meeting with the military commanders of the PLO in the Bekaa, Arafat read excerpts of a letter he had received from Soviet leader Yuri Andropov.

"In the letter, Comrade Andropov said he supports Arafat and the PLO and is keen on preserving the gains of the Palestinians after the war last summer," Abu Jihad said.

Abu Jihad said the mutiny in Fatah will not "hinder our diplomatic efforts on both the international and Arab levels."

The rebels have demanded that Arafat reject negotiations on the Palestinian problem and endorse their demand for "military struggle."

PLO sources say that a meeting of the Fatah central committee will be held soon to discuss the mutiny. It will be followed by a session of the larger "revolutionary council" of the faction, which is expected to set a date for a Fatah "congress," the terrorist group's largest decision-making body.

Editor sues publisher over pressure

TEL AVIV (Itin). — The local district court yesterday issued a temporary restraining order against the publishers of the Tel Aviv weekly, *Rehov Hashvi* (Main Street), at the request of its editor, forbidding them from exerting political pressures on his work.

Editor Yair Kotler complained to the court that officials of Eitan Communications, the publishers, had pressured him not to write criticism of Finance Minister

EARLY POLL

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A further argument against elections now, said the Labour source, is that "the state of the economy is not as bad as it is going to get. It is still possible for (Finance Minister Yoram) Aridor to create a sham prosperity on election eve. We should have elections when this will not be as easy to do."

Another problem, according to the sources, are signs within Labour that early elections would not prevent a contest for the party's number-one position.

Supporters of former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin have indicated that they would insist on a showdown for the nomination for premier.

Ex-president Yitzhak Navon is also not thought to be entirely out of the running.

The Labour source told *The Post* that the party's forums are not expected to take up the subject of early elections for a few weeks at least.

"There is no urgency for us to deal with this matter now," he maintained. An example of Labour's priorities is the fact that the party political bureau on Thursday is slated to discuss the operations of Beit Berl, the Labour Party college.

Members of Labour's 35-45 age group, who met with Peres on Sunday to urge him to move for elections, also emerged with the impression that there is no eagerness in the party to initiate a poll.

It is pointed out that the motion

DOCTORS

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The decision taken at yesterday's meeting of hospital committee chairmen from all over the country leaves the choice and timing of action "up to the doctors of each hospital," an Israel Medical Association official said last night. The only thing out of the question is any step that could harm patients, he said.

"Our aim is to improve medical care by doing what we should have been doing through the years when we tried to save the government money," he said.

Ordering extensive and complicated tests and increasing the rate of admissions and discharges certain to cause overloads in laboratories and X-ray units, and create extra work for nurses, clerical kitchen and laundry staff and other workers.

"Finding extra personnel and paying for them is not our problem. It's the government's. This plan will benefit the patients and hit the government where it hurts most — in the pocketbook," the doctors stressed.

Ten doctors from Soroka Hospital in Beersheba are to begin hunger strike this morning, *Israel Television* reported last night.

Tension is almost as mounting over tomorrow's crucial vote by the national council of the Kupat Holim Clalit doctors' organization on whether to approve the full return to work of the group's 3,500 clinic doctors.

The organization's executive committee approved the step after bitter argument on Sunday, but the proposal must still win the approval of the national council and the IMA central committee.

"I hope we get a majority in the council tomorrow and a quick decision in our favour by the IMA at the end of the week," clinic doctor chairman Dr. Miriam Sengen told *The Post*. Although the clinic doctors far outnumber the 2,000 hospital doctors, opinion is strongly divided on breaking ranks, and the outcome is far from certain.

A top IMA figure last night said *The Post* that the association is against any group returning to full time work until the doctors have achieved their goal of doubling their basic salaries.

The as-yet unsigned agreement reached during weeks of secret talks between the clinic doctors and the Clalit fund management does not even touch on the salary issue. Rather, it "meets our minimum requirements for improved working conditions," Sengen said. This includes reducing the number of working days and increasing the frequency of raising fees for home calls and other services from times a year to four.

Additional problems are expected this morning when most of the country's nurses leave their posts to attend a mass meeting in Tel Aviv to protest against the drop in the pay packets of senior nurses last month, following the signing of the collective wage agreements. A skeleton nursing staff will remain in hospitals, on a Sabbath and holiday basis, for several hours.

The senior nurses assert that the incorporation of several previously separate benefits and extra payments into their basic wage has actually lowered their salaries. The executive committee of the nurses union is also to meet on the issue today.

The Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee is to meet this morning in a special session called by chairman Menahem Porush to hear reports from representatives of the Treasury, the IMA, the Health Ministry and Kupat Holim Clalit on why the wage talks have been halted for the past two weeks.

The IMA announced yesterday that the striking doctors will begin performing operations in private hospitals "by the end of the week" under their plan to expand the services offered by the "alternative medical service."

Initially, only simple operations including hernias and some gynecological, orthopedic and urological procedures will be performed, the IMA spokesman said. Patients will be referred to private hospitals by the alternative medical centres (*mokedim*), and will be expected to pay the surgeon of their own pockets. Standard fees for each procedure have been set but not yet published. Hospitalization costs will be covered by the patient's medical insurance from which he should obtain Form 17, a guarantee of payment (*khitayut*), the spokesman said.

Since the surgeons will turn the fees over to the doctors' corporation set up by the IMA to provide medical services, this step should substantially increase the amount of money available to pay striking doctors' salaries. While hospital doctors have continued to receive pay from the employers for extra shifts, clinic doctors have been faced with no income, aside from the sporadic payments they have received from the IMA corporation. This should improve morale and also enable the doctors to prolong the dispute almost indefinitely, observers said.

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The Family

Yeshiva students jailed, fined for role in Ramot road fracas

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Jerusalem magistrate yesterday sentenced three Salmat yeshiva students to two weeks in jail and fined each \$5,000 for rock-throwing on a Ramot road last Saturday.

Two of the three are U.S. citizens who came to Israel last week with a Salmat rebbe. The third is a student of Ezra Tor, the religious neighbourhood overlooking the road. They were charged with disturbing the peace, assaulting police officers and insulting civil servants. A fourth man who was arrested on Saturday but not charged with assault was fined \$5,000. A 14-year-old boy awaits charges in a juvenile court.

Rav-Pakad Haim Steinmetz told a court that lenient punishments

in such cases have failed to deter similar recent offenders.

Judge Musia Arad noted in her verdict that all four had pleaded guilty and none had police records. But she agreed with the prosecution that the "actions of the accused must be viewed with severity."

Another court in the Russian Compound's magistrate section decided to postpone until Thursday the trial of 13 students from the Merkaz HaRav yeshiva who are charged with disrupting a performance of Handel's *Messiah* last week in Binyanei HaUma. That court also postponed until Thursday the trial of seven yeshiva students from the Jerusalem neighbourhood of Mevor Baruch, who are charged with assaulting participants at a party in a neighbourhood community centre.

Radio 'strikers' broadcast in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Communications Ministry engineers held a warning strike yesterday but it was only partial because the Tel Aviv radio transmitters were not switched off.

The 24-hour strike over wages began at 7 a.m. The First, Second and Third Programmes could be heard in Tel Aviv and intermittently elsewhere in the country. The partial shutdown was due to an internal dispute among Tel Aviv engineers, who continued to operate transmitters in the city.

The Jerusalem and Haifa radio transmitters did not operate, except

for news bulletin and magazines.

Television except for news, was blacked out.

Galei Zahal, the Israel Defence Forces radio station, remained on the air.

The engineers say they were promised a boost in wages by the Communications Ministry, which denies this, calling the warning strike "unjustified."

The sanctions, according to the engineers, have nothing to do with negotiations over the establishment of a public communications company that is to take over many of the ministry's functions.

Zionist General Council meets today

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Zionist General Council opens its annual meetings this morning, even though some members of the Zionist Executive elected at last December's Zionist Congress have not been allocated their portfolios.

The ZGC, with 600 delegates, observers and guests, meets every summer and is the decision-making body in years when the quadrennial congress does not convene.

Zionist Executive chairman Arye Dulin hopes to name the new chairman of the Youth Aliya department on Thursday, which he

would like a Labour Party representative to head. For the last half year Labour has been demanding additional portfolios. But Dulin's Liberal Party colleagues have opposed the transfer of the Youth and Hehalutz Department to Labour.

Since the new executive was elected in December, departments lacking chairmen have been run by acting chairmen or by Dulin himself.

The ZGC meets this year for only three days, compared to the usual week of discussions. The main topic is the relationship between the World Zionist Organization and the "non-Zionist" Jewish Agency, which is dominated by Diaspora fund-raisers.

Haifa widens scheme to slow speeders

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Haifa police have decided to extend their experimental scheme to prevent road accidents. It will be backed up by the presence of more police on the roads.

Starting next week, the scheme will be applied in 12 more streets following a successful trial run on three roads during the past five months, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Under the scheme, large roadside notices are displayed giving the percentage of drivers who did not exceed the speed limit during the week. Those caught speeding are given leaflets containing road safety information. They also receive a verbal warning from the police.

Before the scheme started 51 per cent of the drivers on the three trial roads exceeded the 50 kilometres-an-hour speed limit. Since then, the number of speeders and accidents has fallen, with 35 per cent fewer drivers speeding at up to 60 kph and 76 per cent less going up to 70 kph.

The 12 roads chosen for the extended trial are accident spots accounting for 134 accidents last year with five people killed and 210 injured.

In addition to the visual display and the larger police presence, police will award small prizes for courtesy and safe driving. If the larger scale campaign proves effective, the scheme will be introduced in other cities as well, the spokesman said.

Guard who called MK 'wise guy' is sentenced

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Kfar Sava. — A hospital guard yesterday was given a three-month suspended sentence for insulting Knesset Member Rafi Suissa (Alignment) by saying to him, "wise guy, dumb fool, I'll fix you."

Aharon Gussaker, who is employed as a guard by a private security firm, at the Meir Hospital

in Kfar Sava, refused to allow Suissa to enter the hospital as part of his public duties.

Magistrates Court Judge Uri Gordon said: "Not only did Gussaker not show Suissa the special respect due to him as a member of the Knesset, but he also acted in an insulting and injurious manner in a public place, thus causing Suissa great distress."



Detectives of the Tel Aviv police force check over some of the electronic equipment, part of a cache reportedly worth \$52 million, found Sunday in the possession of two young Tel Avivians who could not account for how it had come into their hands. Police say the equipment was stolen from Tel Aviv shops. The two men were detained. (IPPA)

Industry-Trade Ministry blamed for promoting neither

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Alignment MK Naftali Blumenthal yesterday accused the Ministry of Industry and Trade of shirking its fundamental task — to conduct and fight for an economic policy aimed at industrial growth.

Speaking in the Knesset debate on the activities of the Ministry, which was opened by Minister Gideon Patai, Blumenthal said that industrial growth constitutes the only solution to the three main problems of the economy: inflation, the balance-of-payments deficit, and the employment structure.

He recalled that last August the ministry issued a paper on *Industrial Strategy*, setting forth the goal of closing the gap in the industrial balance of payments by the end of the decade.

But only a month later, Blumenthal said, Patai supported the Aridor-Plessner plan, whose main feature was to decelerate the rate of devaluation. Instead of the monthly devaluation of 1 per cent envisaged in his original plan, the new plan meant a monthly upward revaluation of the shekel by 3-4 per cent.

The plan, by Finance Minister Yoram Aridor and Bank of Israel Deputy-Governor Yakir Plessner, had not only failed in its aim of curbing inflation, but it had taken a heavy toll from industry and society, said Blumenthal. The increase in imports and the decrease in exports that it brought about had

set back our attainment of economic independence by about five years, he charged.

He said the Ministry of Industry and Trade has become to a large extent a ministry of information. It waits at the end of each month for the economic statistics to be published, and then begins to explain them.

Likud-Liberal MK Dan Tichon likewise said that the systems of insuring the exchange rate for exporters has failed. He said that the exporters who had received millions of dollars in "incentives" in fact regarded the money as compensation for goods not exported.

Patai's reply was deferred to a future session, but in his opening remarks he announced "the opening up of a potential market of millions of dollars."

He was referring to Israel's recent signing of an international agreement that will enable Israeli manufacturers to participate in tenders of the other 18 signatory governments.

These include most West European countries, the U.S., Canada and Japan. Patai said that the agreement applies to tenders involving purchases of at least \$160,000.

Patai said that Israel is one of the few countries in the world that has succeeded in maintaining full employment, despite the world economic recession. "In fact," he thinks is not sufficiently appreciated.

Coalition bars land sale probe by comptroller

Post Knesset Correspondent

The coalition majority in the Knesset State Control Committee yesterday prevented the matter of private land sales in the areas from being submitted for investigation by the state comptroller.

Chairman Avraham Katz-Oz charged that the government had something to hide with regard to land sales.

When Katz-Oz said that the Liberal wing of the Likud, which he knew objected to land sales as they were being conducted, nevertheless kept the matter from going to the state comptroller, Liberal Dan Tichon said the initiative was politically inspired and was therefore irrelevant.

Down's Syndrome group to hold parley

Yated, the Association for the Rehabilitation of Children with Down's Syndrome, will hold a conference at Kfar Vitkin June 21 and 22.

The association said the event is aimed at providing parents with guidance on caring for their mongoloid children and at making the public aware of the facts about the ailment, which affects one out of every thousand children born in Israel.

Octogenarian killed on Beersheba highway

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — An 89-year-old man was killed on Sunday night when a car travelling south struck him as he was crossing the Tel Aviv-Beersheba road. The car was driven by a 27-year-old Netivot resident.

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Tribute for Rothberg nets \$63m.

By LEON HADAR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — More than \$63 million in Israel Bonds sales were announced at a tribute to Sam Rothberg of Peoria, who has been in the forefront of leadership in American Jewry's support of Israel for the past 40 years.

Of the total, \$36m. was in cash and \$27m. represented new commitments to purchase Israel bonds.

A group of 1,100 Jewish leaders from Israel, Europe, Latin America, Canada and the U.S. joined in honouring Rothberg at the dinner in the grand ballroom of New York's Waldorf Astoria Hotel on Sunday night.

Baron Edmond de Rothschild of France, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, and Minister of Energy and Infrastructure Yitzhak Moda'i were principal speakers.

The dinner was sponsored by the Israel Bond Organization which Rothberg helped to found and now heads as general chairman, joined by the Hebrew University, whose international board of governors he chaired for 13 years.

Kollek presented Rothberg with the Jerusalem Medal, created by the late sculptor Jacques Lipchitz, for outstanding service to Jerusalem. The presentation was in recognition of Rothberg's role in the reconstruction and return of the

Hebrew University to its original campus on Mt. Scopus after the Six Day War.

The dinner also marked the inauguration of a \$10m. endowment fund campaign for the establishment of the Golda Meir Fellowship Fund to attract students of outstanding achievement from all parts of the world, including Israel, and enable them to pursue their masters, doctoral and post-doctoral studies at the Hebrew University.

Rothberg announced he was contributing \$1m. to the fund to honour the memory of "a heroic stateswoman who brought something special into our lives."

President Ronald Reagan, in a letter to Rothberg, paid tribute to his four decades of Jewish leadership. "Throughout a dramatic period in Jewish history, your strong leadership has placed you in the forefront of efforts to address the numerous crises that have influenced the destiny of your people. Whether helping refugees from the Holocaust or furthering the economic stability of Israel, you have played an instrumental part in securing a hopeful future for those depending on you."

Prime Minister Menachem Begin said in a letter: "Dear Sam, Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on this festive occasion. Your devotion to Israel's cause is exemplary. Your work of 40 years is exceptional. May you continue your noble efforts for many, many years to

come. We are grateful to you and all salute you in deep gratitude."

President Chaim Herzog, in his message, described Rothberg as "a close and personal friend" and said that the Jewish people owe a debt to Sam for his devotion during these historic and fateful years.

Baron de Rothschild, president of Israel Bonds in Europe, lauded Rothberg's role in providing investment funds for the development of Israel's economy.

Senator Lautenberg cited the close association between himself and Rothberg in their common endeavours on behalf of Israel and the Jewish community.

Greetings were also delivered by Moda'i and Avraham Harman, Hebrew University chancellor. In messages, Finance Minister Yoram Aridor referred to Rothberg as Israel's "secret weapon in its efforts for industrial development and economic growth; Defence Minister Moshe Arens called Rothberg a "happy warrior in Israel's battle for economic security" and former president Yitzhak Navon termed Rothberg's efforts on behalf of Israel "heroic."

Rothberg, in his address, attributed his early activity on behalf of Israel to the impact made on him by the destruction of Europe's Jewish community in World War II. "I took a vow that I would do everything in my power to prevent this from happening to my children," he said.

The 'kidney connection' links J'lem to Frisco

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A San Francisco man who has been waiting several years for a life-saving kidney transplant has finally found a suitable donor — his brother, a Jerusalem resident.

But the transplant recipient (names are being withheld) must receive at least three blood transfusions from the donor prior to the operation. This will enable physicians to monitor the patient's reaction to the donor's tissue type and will help to reduce the body's rejection of the donated organ.

The entire transfusion process, from withdrawing the blood in Jerusalem to administering the transfusion in San Francisco, must be completed within 48 hours, or the blood is rendered unusable.

One such transfusion was successfully carried out last

week, thanks to the close teamwork of Magen David Adom, the American Red Cross and TWA. The blood was withdrawn from the Israel brother by the head of the MDA Blood Bank, Dr. Shulamit Bar-Shani, on Thursday night. After cooling the blood and packing it in a specially cooled carrier unit, it was put on an early-morning flight to New York.

The blood, which bypassed all customs and clearing procedures, was offloaded immediately in New York and put on a connecting flight to St. Louis and San Francisco, where a waiting American Red Cross team picked it up and rushed it to the hospital.

This same lightning operation will be performed again at the end of this week and again next week. If follow-up tests in San Francisco show that the chances for acceptance of the "Israeli" kidney are good, the Jerusalemite will fly to the U.S. at the end of the month to donate a kidney to his ailing brother.

Would-be suicide kept talking, talking, talking

By YAA'COV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A would-be suicide who reportedly swallowed 60 sleeping pills on Sunday night was kept talking by a Magen David Adom telephone operator until help arrived.

It was reported that the 26-year-old man, from a Haifa suburb, apparently decided to end his life because of financial trouble. He is to be sent home from Rambam Hospital within a day or two.

The MDA spokesman said that emergency operator Moshe Waknin, a combat medic, took the call at 10:30 p.m. The caller asked Waknin to inform his wife that he was ending his life to spare her distress from his money troubles.

Waknin, who has saved several lives by giving first aid instructions over the phone until an ambulance could arrive at the scene and by talking potential suicides out of killing themselves, kept the man engaged in conversation, while he passed a note to another staff member to alert ambulance crew and police.

The caller was too drowsy to give

the number of the public phone he was calling from, but Waknin got a good enough description of the place from him to send the rescuers. They were instructed not to use their sirens or flashing lights to avoid alarming the caller.

Waknin had to assure the caller several times that he was not alerting the police, explaining that he was using the "only phone"

available. The caller told him, among other things, that he had collected the large number of pills by making a tour of pharmacies and buying small quantities in each.

When the ambulance crew arrived in Bat Galim, far from the caller's home, he was reportedly near death. But the crew had him in the nearby hospital within minutes and saved his life.

Border Police unit to help battle crime

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A Border Police unit of more than 100 men has been established to help the Tel Aviv and central district police fight crime. The task force is being trained to join police patrols, raids and other activities.

The unit will be based in Petah

Tikva and will be on the alert to join police when necessary.

It was decided to assign Border Police due to an acute personnel shortage. Police reportedly are understaffed by about 800 men and women throughout the country, following a wave of resignations the past year.

SCIENCE. — An international scientific meeting on how theoretical mathematics can be used to solve some of the practical problems that face engineers opens today at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot.

STATION. — A Magen David Adom station was opened yesterday at 42 Rehov Yirmiyahu in Kiryat Ono. It was named in honour of the late Dr. Avraham Atzmon, a former IDF chief medical officer who served as vice-president of MDA.

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Black gold miners demand pay equality with whites

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — Demanding that its members be treated "as men, not servants," the country's first union for black miners is asking for a 30 per cent pay rise and an end to privileges for whites in the world's richest mining industry.

Union leader Cyril Ramaphosa said copies of the union's demands were delivered yesterday to the Chamber of Mines, which negotiates wages for the mining companies employing more than 400,000 black gold miners. Ramaphosa's fledgling National

Union of Mineworkers begins pay negotiations today with the chamber. It is the first time blacks, about 99 per cent of them migrant workers who live in barracks-like hostels without their families, have negotiated wage increases in the industry.

The 30,000-member union was formally recognized last Thursday, three years after the white-minority government passed legislation legalizing black unions.

Johann Liebenberg, labour adviser for the Chamber of Mines, declined to comment on the union's

demands except to say "we've had higher demands from the established unions in the past." The unions that represent some 30,000 white miners settled for 8 per cent pay hikes in the last two months, plus pension increases.

The chamber says that since 1970 the average pay of blacks has risen 280 per cent after inflation, reducing the wage gap between whites and blacks from 21 to one to six to one. The average pay of a black miner is 258 rands (IS11,800) a month.

In Pretoria yesterday two former

members of a far-right white supremacist group were convicted of plotting to overthrow the government, blow up racially integrated hotels and assassinate black leaders.

Testimony in the trial of Jacob Daniel Viljoen, 41, and Hendrik Gerhardus Jacobsz, 37, alleged the pair planned a sabotage campaign to deter white South Africans from making trips to the popular Sun City gambling spa, located in a black homeland where there are no segregation laws. The campaign included dynamiting the road to the resort.

Poland wants 20 years to repay \$25b. debt to West

WARSAW. — Maintaining that western sanctions have cost Poland \$12 billion, a senior Polish planning official yesterday proposed that western banks and governments allow the nation 20 years to repay its debts.

Vice-Premier Janusz Obodowski, addressing a news conference, said Poland wants an eight-year grace period on its estimated \$25 billion debt to the West, with subsequent repayments scheduled over two decades.

Polish officials have said that western restrictions on new credits, and delivery of spare parts and components used in manufacturing are crippling Poland's economic

recovery. The Polish economy has been running without credit from the West for the past 18 months — since the imposition of martial law — and had learned to pay cash, Obodowski said, but without fresh credit it would be difficult to repay existing debts.

Under these circumstances, Poland had a \$400 million surplus in trade with the West over the first five months of 1983, which showed that eventually the country would be able to pay its way, Obodowski said.

But the debt is so great that a long-term agreement is needed to give some sort of stability, he added.

Sakharov needs hospital care, says wife

MOSCOW (AP). — The wife of exiled Soviet dissident physicist Andrei Sakharov said yesterday that Soviet Academy of Sciences doctors have examined him and recommended that he be hospitalized.

But Yelena Bonner, Sakharov's 59-year-old wife, said the Nobel Peace Prize winner had still not received permission to have the treatment in Moscow.

She said the couple does not want him hospitalized in Gorky, where he is detained in internal exile, because she feared he would only be allowed to die there and it would be difficult to hold the doctors there accountable.

Sakharov, 62, has suffered two slight heart attacks and also has neurological problems. She said she also suffered a slight heart attack in April.

The couple requested that they be hospitalized together in Moscow, but according to Bonner, the Soviet authorities have told her that Sakharov will not be allowed to leave Gorky.

Eyesight damaged by total solar eclipse

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP). — More than 330 people had their eyesight affected when they looked directly at a total solar eclipse over central Java, officials said yesterday.

They said only a few suffered serious retinal damage when they looked without protection at the sun during the five-minute eclipse Saturday. Others reported blurred eyesight, but officials said they would regain normal sight in about two weeks with proper medication.

Welsh left-winger tipped as UK Labour's new head

LONDON (Reuters). — Neil Kinnock, a fluent young left-winger with no experience in government, seized a strong early lead yesterday in the contest for the leadership of Britain's defeated Labour Party.

Bookmakers made him an odds-on favourite and some commentators said that he seemed already assured of enough votes from trade unions, members of parliament and local party organizations to win the race.

Opposition leader Michael Foot, 69, decided to step down after last Thursday's general election, which gave Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher a landslide win and reduced Labour's share of the

national vote to its lowest level since 1918.

His successor will be chosen on October 2 by an electoral college in which trade unions, the party's traditional base, have the largest vote.

Denis Healey and John Silkin, both unsuccessful candidates in Labour leadership contests of the past, announced they would not join the race.

Kinnock's declared rivals are Roy Hattersley, 50, and Peter Shore, 59, both veterans of Labour cabinets and both well to the right of Kinnock on the party's ideological spectrum.

Sardinia probes plot by Libya

CAGLIARI, Sardinia (Reuters). — Libya has offered arms and money to bolster the small separatist movement in the strategically-placed Mediterranean island of Sardinia, according to a leading Sardinian magistrate.

Mario Marchetti, who is investigating an alleged plot by separatists to wrest the island from Italian control, said in an interview he now had firm, documentary evidence of the Libyan offer.

The first contact with the separatists was made through the Libyan consulate in Milan in April 1979 and a firm offer of arms and money made during a Libyan festival held in Sicily in October 1981, he said.

Heavy guard for Mitterrand

AJACCIO, Corsica (Reuters). — French President Francois Mitterrand, on his first official visit to Corsica, yesterday promised to speed up the transition to limited home rule for the troubled Mediterranean island.

Mitterrand was addressing more than 3,000 at the port of Ajaccio, Corsica's capital, at the start of a visit aimed at stemming disillusion with the home-rule law his socialist government passed last year.

The banned Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC), which seeks complete independence from France, last month claimed responsibility for more than 50 bomb attacks.



An open wire-net fence at the waste disposal site at Ramat Hovav, 12 kms. south of Beersheba.

TOXIC WASTE

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be done (for example, constructing another road to the site so that in case of emergency, it would be possible to evacuate people), they give no indication whatever of who will do the work and where the money will come from.

As it now stands, says Ne'eman, neither the Interior Ministry nor the Health Ministry has budgeted any money for the site.

Still the interdepartmental committee meets, discusses issues, argues, makes suggestions and agrees on further meetings. But all over the country, pollution rates go up and factories and storage sheds are dangerously overflowing with toxic wastes, and National Environment Week is proclaimed and an International Ecological Conference takes place and nobody is really sure what the fuss is all about since Israel "is nothing like the U.S. and has no environmental problems to speak of."

What are some of these unmentioned problems? There is no all-encompassing environmental law. In practical terms, this means that factories are prevented from polluting indiscriminately only by the Business Licensing Law. In other words, if they fail to comply with certain municipal by-laws, labour laws and health regulations, they may get into trouble. Usually, this means a fine. If the delinquent is very small, the factory may even be forced to close.

Motti Fleischer, the district public health engineer for the central region, says he has managed to use the Business Licensing Law very effectively. Fleischer says that health authorities know all the chemical plants in the region and check to make sure they dispose of their wastes properly. If they don't, the plant owners are told either to find a solution on the grounds or to close down.

"When the Ramat Hovav toxic waste disposal site was open, I was able to use its existence as a negative incentive. Factory owners often found it cheaper and easier to find solutions to their disposal problems on their own grounds than to ship stuff down to Beersheba."

Rut the Ramat Hovav site has been closed by court order for 14 months. What are the incentives today?

Ruth Rosenberg, legal adviser to the EPS agrees that while there is no direct environmental law "there are legal frameworks that can answer any question and regulate proper disposal. The Business Licensing Law is good and efficient because it allows both administrative and criminal punishments. There is no one general law forcing industries to bring their toxic wastes to Ramat Hovav, but there are several regulations and municipal by-laws that make it impossible to do otherwise."

The problem, then, is not the absence of laws, but the absence of law enforcement. For example, the contractor who operated the Ramat Hovav site had never been granted

a licence. A month before the fire, despite a pending criminal court case in which the district public health department charged that he was operating without a licence, the Ministry of Industry and Trade renewed his contract for another year. That year was a very long one, as the contractor and the Health Ministry battled in court while the site remained closed. By the time the contractor lost his case in January 1983, the question of his operating the site was academic since the lease was almost over.

Still the site remains closed. Money is the crux of the matter. Or, rather, the lack of it. In Israel's scale of priorities, ecology is on the periphery of budgetary allotments. The threat of immediate annihilation as the result of war can be more easily imagined than the insidious accumulation of lead or mercury in the water system. The defence budget is huge, but the \$10 million necessary to clean up and reopen the Ramat Hovav site is nowhere to be found.

Yigal Erlich is very direct. "There is agreement among our ministries that it is ridiculous to spend millions of dollars to construct a site for the treatment of worthless wastes."

This attitude has consistently led the Industry and Trade Ministry to adopt the stand that the site be administered as a money-maker. Not a big money-maker, but a money-maker nevertheless.

In the original agreement between the private contractor and the National Physical Laboratory, the third section reads (italics in the original): "operator must run the site as an economic and commercial enterprise."

But the fact remains that the previous operator went bankrupt. Even though he ran the place badly and inefficiently and that all the government agencies involved shirked him and themselves in kilometres of red tape, so that he never got minimal documents and they never managed to close him down, it is hard to believe that a toxic waste disposal site could be a money-maker.

"This cannot be profitable, at least not in the first few years. The investment is great and the treatment is expensive and so long as less than the total amount of wastes arrives, it makes treatment all the more costly," said Dr. Itamar Vilner, a chemist who is an adviser to the EPS.

The most profitable solution to toxic wastes is pirate dumping. The large companies cannot afford not to comply with regulations about the proper disposal of wastes (they may be punished under the Business Licensing Law) and the small companies cannot afford to comply with these regulations (because they will be left with minuscule profits).

So while money is the issue, and money is needed for a solution, money cannot be used as an excuse. When calamity does strike and a town has to be evacuated, money may not be the issue at all.

Sports

No surprises

Post Sports Staff

Everything went according to form book in yesterday's limited over Prudential World Cricket Cup tournament now taking place in England.

New Zealand beat Sri Lanka five wickets, the Sri Lankans being always in trouble against the bowling of Hadlee (5 for 25) and Chelfield (2 for 24 in 12 overs). Sri Lanka reached 206, and New Zealand passed this score for the loss of five wickets.

England crushed Pakistan, who reached 193 for 8 with difficulty, only Zaheer (83 not out) putting in any opposition to the English bowlers, for whom captain Willis and Dilley, Botham and Allott all bowled very well. The English passed this score for the loss of only two wickets, Fowler making 34 not out and Lamb 54 not out — Lamb won the match and reached his 50 with a mighty six.

Australia compiled a fine 320 for 9 against India. Trevor Chappell scoring 116 in 155 minutes off 124 balls, with 11 fours. It was Chappell's first century in limited over international cricket. Hughes made 55 and Yallop 40 not out. India, for six in 22 overs, seem to be certain to lose. Zimbabwe did well to reach 217 for nine against the West Indian fast bowling, captain Fletcher making 71 not out and Houghton 54. West Indies, 131 for 3 after 10 overs, should win.

Davis Cup triumph

Post Sports Staff

Israel completed a 4-1 victory over Monaco on Sunday in their quarter-final European Zone "A" Davis Cup tennis tie in Monte Carlo, with honours being divided in the two "dead" reverse singles.

The host's long-time no. 1 Bernard Bader pulled one back for Monaco with a decisive 6-2, 6-3 success against Shlomo Perlman. Shlomo Glickstein ended the contest by beating Eric Carlier 6-2, 6-4, 6-4. The Israeli team, champion since won his two singles matches without conceding a set, and he was also the star in the doubles with David Sotnick. Israel's success — its 11th in 40 Davis Cup outings to date — earned it a place in the tie at Ramat Hovav against West Germany from July 7 to 9. The two countries have not once previously in the competition, with the Germans sweeping home 3-2 at Anglemus in 1979.

In another Davis Cup match, Hungary took a 3-1 lead over Zimbabwe.

Juniors in England

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — Israelis Russell Meyers, Sagit Doron and Ruthie Sverdliff, who are warming up for Junior Wimbledon later this month with two grass-court tennis tournaments in the London area, opened their challenge yesterday at Baron Court. The trio are the vanguard of more than 50 of the country's top juniors, who will be competing in Europe this summer, Israel Tennis Association Youth Section Director Ilan Ben-Ami said.

Coe, Ovett victories

LONDON. (Reuters). — Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett, Britain's rival Olympic champions, each won 800 metres races in track and field meetings yesterday.

Coe, Olympic gold medalist at 1,500 metres, overcame British rivals in Loughborough, England, to win in one minute 45.0 seconds, a fourth fastest time in the world this year. Ovett, who missed most of last season through injury, competed in Udine, Italy, where he set a photo-finish in 1:43.64.

South Americans win

LEON, Mexico (AP). — Argentina defeated Holland 2-1 on Sunday, advancing to the final of the Second World Youth Soccer Cup play-off.

In Guadalajara, Brazil, in their best game of the championship, defeated Czechoslovakia Sunday and also advanced to the semi-finals.

Baseball: Sunday

American League

Detroit 4-3, Cleveland 1-1; Boston 7, Baltimore 7; Texas 7, 4, Minnesota 3, 11; Milwaukee 6, New York 5, 11 innings; Chicago 12-8, Oakland 10-1, first game; Toronto 6, California 5, 15 innings; Seattle 6, Kansas City 1.

National League

Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 5, 11 innings; New York 9, Montreal 1; Atlanta 3, San Francisco 3; Cincinnati 3, Los Angeles 1; Chicago 6, St. Louis 3; Houston 2, San Diego 6.

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BY THE YEAR 2000, Holocaust survivors will be as rare as veterans of World War I are today.

The inevitability of the disappearance of witnesses to the Nazi murder of six million Jews in Europe was one of the reasons for the establishment of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council in Washington.

Rabbi Seymour Siegel, longtime professor of Jewish ethics and theology at the (Conservative) Jewish Theological Seminary in New York and a staunch Republican Party supporter, was appointed executive director of the council by President Ronald Reagan last fall.

The council has 65 members, including 10 U.S. senators and members of the House of Representatives. One-third of the members are non-Jews, including a number of prominent Christian theologians who believe that there is some Christian responsibility for the Holocaust.

"From all indications, President Reagan is sincerely interested in the establishment of a memorial to the Six Million" and in promoting American public awareness of the tragedy that took place some four decades ago, says Rabbi Siegel. Reagan made an emotional address at the gathering of Holocaust survivors in Washington earlier this year.

The council aims at establishing a Holocaust museum and memorial in

FOSTERING MEMORY

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH/Jerusalem Post Reporter

two-century-old buildings about 130 metres from the Washington Monument. "The Federal government was generous enough to give us the use of the buildings, which will house the museum. The site is an excellent one, near the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Smithsonian, which are visited by millions of tourists a year," he says.

But Rabbi Siegel, who took two years' leave from the Seminary in order to serve on the council, adds that the cost of renovating the old unused buildings and filling the museum with content will cost anywhere from \$80m. to \$100m., all of which must be raised. He hopes that foundations, corporations and other institutions will contribute to the cause, as well as individuals — Jewish and non-Jewish.

The council, chaired by Holocaust survivor and author Elie Wiesel, will continue to function even after the museum is scheduled

to open in 1988, so that it can run the museum. The council will also ensure that the museum serves as an educational centre and a place for archival research.

ASKED WHY the price tag seems so high, Rabbi Siegel explains that the buildings in which the museum will be housed are really rundown, and that the council intend that the museum will be technologically advanced. There will be computers, as in Tel Aviv's Beit Hatefutsoth, and other means of stimulating the interest of the visiting public. He also hopes that top works of art will be obtained for the museum. Ideally, the museum will have no entrance fee. "We want as many people as possible to visit."

Rabbi Siegel is "not personally aware" of any groups, anti-Semitic or otherwise, that have come out against the establishment of the museum. Some people have asked: Why not a museum for Indians or

blacks? And an essay in *Time* magazine recently wondered why a museum should not be set up for the Armenian holocaust or why only the Jewish victims of the Holocaust are to be remembered when "many others died as well."

But Rabbi Siegel, responding to these arguments, maintains that "Jewish suffering in the Holocaust was unique. The Jews were murdered for what they were. A Jew, by his being, was guilty, in the eyes of the Nazis." That was not true for the others who died during the Nazi era, "except perhaps the gypsies, and I'm not familiar with that." Quoting Wiesel, he says: "Not all victims were Jews, but all Jews were victims."

The Holocaust memorial in Washington will be dedicated to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust, but it will also mention the other victims, he adds. An Armenian-American leader, Set Monjian, is also on the Holocaust Memorial Council.

The executive director says that the U.S. government is giving the council a free hand in the establishment of the museum, as well as its contents, and has not hinted that the failure of the U.S. to bomb the roads to Auschwitz or to take in large numbers of Jews when they could have been saved should be downplayed.

ISRAEL WILL have a prominent

place in the museum exhibits, since Israel is the "reaffirmation of Jewish existence after unspeakable tragedy," and because Holocaust survivors contributed much to the building of the state. Officials of Yad Vashem in Jerusalem are being thoroughly consulted.

The rabbi has been pleased by the "good-will and the good faith" that the federal government has shown in its support of the Holocaust council and the planned museum. Interior Secretary James Watt, whose government department is charged with overseeing all national museums, and his wife have "been very helpful."

The other aim of the Holocaust council is to ensure the observance of a national day of remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust, which began four years ago at the initiative of then president Jimmy Carter, and which has been marked since then on April 10. The remembrance day, he said, is marked not only in Washington D.C., but in all 50 states.

Rabbi Siegel thus expects that the Holocaust will be remembered, even as new generations enter the scene. It is estimated that currently, some 10 per cent of all remaining Holocaust survivors around the world die every year. Their testimony will have to be preserved on film, on tape and in exhibits so that the world will not forget, or deny, the Holocaust.

Delightful surprise

MUSIC REVIEWS

community service in two ways. It raised money for the scholarship fund of the AACI and it provided an evening of delicious entertainment. The Negev Light Opera Group deserves public support and encouragement, and we are looking forward to future productions of G & S.

YOHANAN BOEHM

HAIFA ENGLISH THEATRE PLAYERS, in cooperation with the AACI Carmel Chapter, directed by Eliezer Kagan, and the Tel Aviv Dancers from the Haifa Municipality Folklore Department, directed by Yonatan Gabel, "Back Home," a musical written and directed by Edward Cogan, (Haifa, Beit Hasegal, June 7).

BACK HOME is more than the usual musical, a sentimental-humorous play with plenty of light music. In it, it really is a sort of history, in two acts, out there and back home. The story is narrated by a grandfather (Stanley Jackson), who is telling his granddaughter (Claudia Goodrich) about what happened to immigrants coming from different countries. The themes of the journey into the unknown, the inevitable changes and transformation are presented with musical excerpts, simplicity and much humour.

The presentation, however, was not adequately rehearsed. Occasionally a cue was forgotten, and at times the narration sounded

monotonous or strained. There were also many that excelled, such as Valerie Herbert, Marian Goodrich and Philip Don. The Tel Dancers were good in demonstrating varied styles, as were the folk dancers. The singing part was unsure, not always clean and clear, and often there was lack of synchronization. Accompanist Claire Berman did her utmost under quite difficult conditions.

This was a most ambitious undertaking that was perhaps too difficult for this amateur group, but it still had some success with the audience. ESTHER REUTER

PIANO RECITAL — Rudolf Buchbinder (Jerusalem Theatre, June 11). Haydn's Sonata No. 22, in F; Schubert's Four Impromptus, Op. 9, No. 3; Chopin's Nocturne, Op. 9, No. 3; Liszt's Sonata in F Minor, Op. 5, No. 1.

THE PROGRAMME points to the pianist's preference for the proven classics of undemanding character. Those like this critic who found the choices somewhat disappointing were amply compensated by the performance.

Rudolf Buchbinder is one of the most musical artists in this generation; he makes the most difficult runs and tricky embellishments look and sound easy and natural. He is also one of the most unostentatious performers, a com-

mendable contrast to the many extroverts trying to make an impression on an unsuspecting public.

A poetic reading of a delicious Haydn Sonata did not lose its strength despite the pianist's soft touch; the rather lengthy *Four Impromptus* by Schubert ambled along, their Viennese *Sangesfreudigkeit* — joy for singing — given full expression. It was particularly in these pieces that Buchbinder's pianistic virtuosity of technical brilliancy, which only connoisseurs and those who have tried to play the impromptus can fully appreciate. In Beethoven's "Appassionata," the artist demonstrated virile strength, and his powers of expression were not exhausted by either the stormy outside movements or the lyrical, contained, slow centre part.

Explosive applause from the large audience led to another Impromptu by Schubert (Opus 90, No. 4, in A flat) in an equally beautiful rendition, despite the artist's being visibly tired (he had arrived from Europe only shortly before the concert).

YOHANAN BOEHM

WORKS BY ALEXANDER URIA BOSCOVICH with the participation of the Camerata Singers, directed by Alexander Urias, the Symphony Orchestra, Tel Aviv, and the Bat-Sheva Dance Company, Ltd. (Tel Aviv Museum, June 7).

TO MARK composer Alexander Urias Boscovich's 75th birthday (he died in 1964), the Tel Aviv Academy of Music organized this extensive concert devoted exclusively to his music. Only two of his major works were played with the taped music of another (*This Sky, This Land*), providing the music for the Bat-Sheva Dance Company, and yet the evening succeeded sur-

prisingly well in representing Boscovich's legacy: the creation of a characteristic Israeli style.

This was his goal, and he achieved it by means of his extraordinary intellect, his imagination and his marvellous capability to absorb the "new" musical culture of the region. The musical scene has changed radically, since he died 19 years ago, but his works have not lost their appeal and impact nor do they seem artificial or dated.

Boscovich found a fascinating way of integrating west and east. In his *With Joy and Gladness* (1961) for voice, instrument and percussion, he combines basic modal melody patterns with 16th century imitation techniques. *Semantic Suite* (1945) actually created a new style of piano music in which heterophony replaces harmony and counterpoint. It still sounds effective and original. But it is the music to the *Concerto da Camera* (1963) that is Boscovich at the peak of his artistic achievements.

The evening was prepared with love and devotion. The Camerata Singers were at their best in the moving "Dudu" (1948). The nine duets, performed by various singers, two recorder players and a percussionist could not have been lovelier. The academy orchestra, with Ronit-Riklis on the podium in the performance of the "Chain" was at its most accomplished. Duo-pianists Irit Rub-Steiner and Ariel Cohen earned well-deserved applause for the very demanding *Semantic Suite*.

Mira Zakai, with the orchestra, concluded the evening with three songs, "Thou art fair my beloved" (Song of Songs), "The Lord is my shepherd" (Psalms) and "Dudu," in an absorbing and deeply moving performance.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

Brink of disaster

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE LIKUD government is leading Israel's higher education to the brink of disaster, says the chairman of the Tel Aviv University Board of Governors Jack Cummings, who was elected last Wednesday to a second four-year term as chairman of the board, and says cutbacks in budgets for higher education began before 1977, but the current government has exacerbated them.

"I think another government would have long ago put on the brake and started reversing," he told *The Jerusalem Post* the day after his election. "The current government shows no signs of stopping the cutbacks. Today, the situation is dangerous; if it continues, it will be a disaster."

Ten years ago, about eight per cent of the national budget went to higher education, he says. Today, it is down to 4.5 per cent.

"You hear grumbling among North American Jews to the effect that there are too many universities in Israel and that the universities are draining the coffers. What they do not realize is that Israel has only

half as many students per capita as does the United States. We also do not yet have Ivy League-level universities. If you compare universities from Tokyo to Rome, Israel will rank high, but we have a long way to go before we reach the level of Harvard or Yale. Today, we do not have the money to improve, and in education, as in most things, standing in one place is really going backwards."

Cummings fears Israeli schools are going backwards in research. The emphasis has changed from basic to applied research, and he thinks the shift has gone too far. It is only because of basic research done at the Technion in aerodynamics in the 1950s that Israel has a sophisticated aircraft industry today, he says, and basic research in computerization (done at the Weizmann Institute in the 1950s) is responsible for today's high technology industries here.

"I'm worried about whether we

will still be the most advanced country in the field of agricultural technology by the year 2000 if we don't do basic research today," he said.

"After the IDF, education must be this country's priority. If not, Israel runs the risk of being a second-class nation, scientifically and intellectually. We cannot afford to let that happen. The Arabs are spending billions on higher education; we must not lose our competitive edge."

He says he is not concerned about the abundance of graduates in the humanities and social sciences. "Even if such a graduate ultimately becomes a mechanic or a taxi driver, he will be a better citizen for what he has learned."

He would like to see Tel Aviv University expand its overseas students' programme to attract at least 50,000 Diaspora Jews to complete part or all of their studies here. He would also like to bring top academics from "the Jewish world out there" to Israel.

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Musicians, students and music lovers wishing to attend are cordially invited (programme subject to change without notice).

On Tuesday, June 28, 8.30 p.m. at Reanan Auditorium, Tel Aviv Museum. The Group for New Music, together with the Chamber Choir of the Rubin Academy of Music (Jerusalem) and guest artists, will present a Retrospective Concert of Wolpe's works.

Elder statesmen of business to be honoured for life's work

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Five distinguished businessmen, who have "greatly contributed" to the development of commerce, will be awarded citations this Thursday by the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce. This is the first time, since the organization was set up more than 60 years ago, that such awards are given.

The recipients are:
Mordecai Mayer, of Mayer Investments, who revolutionized retail marketing in Israel, which reached its peak with Kol-Bo Shalom. Mayer began his career as a "football player" in Hapoel Tel Aviv, and as a clerk in the Histadrut.

Dr. Kurt Moosberg, who until 1981 was one of the directors of Nechushtan, for his development of

wholesale marketing methods. He also was one of the founders of the Israel-Japan and Israel-Germany chambers of commerce.

Israel Landman, of the Lamed Export and Import Company, for his contribution to establishing new markets for Israeli goods, especially in East Europe. Landman also began his career as a member of Tel Aviv Workers Council, where he represented the Ha'oved Ha'Zioni. He later was manager of the shoe plant in Kibbutz Givat Hashelosh.

Israel Saharav, chairman of the Israel Aircraft Industries and of Israel Chemicals, for his contribution to private initiative within the framework of the Chamber of Commerce.

Arish Carasso, head of Moshe Carasso Sons, importers of Renault cars, for his part in developing and modernizing the vehicle sector in Israel.

Financial worry increases Japanese suicide rate

TOKYO (Reuters). — Money worries drove an increasing number of middle-aged Japanese men to kill themselves last year, according to an official report.

The annual report of the national police agency said 12.8 per cent more men in their 50s committed

suicide last year than the year before. The number of cases in which money was the motive increased by a third.

A total of 21,288 people killed themselves in Japan last year, equivalent to nearly 18 people out of every 100,000.

Scitex wins \$4.5m. Time Inc. contract

HERZLIA. — Scitex recently announced its audited results for the quarter ending March 31, 1983. Sales for the quarter reached \$12,364,000, compared with \$9,164,000 for the same period a year ago. Net profits for the period declined to \$243,785, or \$0.03 a share. This compares with \$586,054, or \$0.08 a share last year.

Sales in Western Europe showed a strong increase during the quarter. European sales accounted for 47 per cent and sales in the U.S. for 39 per cent of the total during the first quarter. Sales to Japan contributed 14 per cent, exceeding expectations. The company's new Vista system for editorial automation was the topic of Time magazine's "Letter from the publisher" on April 4, 1983. The letter described the successful collaboration between Time magazine's editorial department and Scitex's engineering team.

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Laser reports record annual sales

TEL AVIV. — Laser Industries, whose shares are traded on the American Stock Exchange, has reported record annual sales of \$8.18 million for the year ending March 31, 1983. This reflects an increase of 14 per cent over the preceding year. Net profits for fiscal 1983 came to \$540,000 or \$0.19 per share, compared with \$47,000, or \$0.02 per share, the previous year. The net profit for the previous year included an extraordinary loss of \$871,000.

In the fourth quarter sales came to \$4.2m., compared with \$1.5m. a

year ago, with net profits totalling \$190,000, or \$0.06 per share, compared with a net loss of \$1.9m., in the fourth quarter of last year.

David Meridor, president of Laser Industries, said that despite improved sales results earnings were not yet satisfactory. This was due largely to increased marketing expenditures.

Yesterday for the second session in a row the Laser shares continued to soar. In early trading they were quoted at over \$15. A week ago the American Stock Exchange shares were quoted at only \$10.75.

Onion picking machines worth \$1m. sold in U.S.

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A million dollars worth of Israeli-made onion picking machines were sold in the U.S. recently as part of a stepped-up effort to export agricultural technology.

At a press conference here yesterday, "Agritech 83," the biennial agriculture technology exhibition scheduled for October, was previewed. Rafi Aron, director of the Agriculture Ministry's mechanization and technology department, said the emphasis is on exporting sophisticated technology to developed countries and to those developing countries in South America and Africa which can use it.

Since the last exhibition held in 1981, \$4.5 million a year in technology has been exported to South Africa. Carmel Systems, a roof organization of all Israeli firms exporting this type of equipment, has established several companies together with South African investors.

Carmel Systems is now involved in a company which will promote agricultural projects in South Africa for which Israeli equipment will be used. A similar effort is planned for Australia and has been started, in a slightly different form, in the U.S.

Israel's exports of agricultural machinery are about \$25m. a year, plus \$80m. worth of irrigation equipment.

Moda'i pushes exports to Mexico

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i has secured the agreement of the Mexican government to set up an office to help Israeli exporters sell their goods there, ministry spokesman said yesterday.

During the minister's recent visit to Mexico he met with the minister of industry, energy and mines. Moda'i noted that Israel buys Mexican oil worth hundreds of millions of dollars each year, while Mexico imports few goods from Israel. Both ministers agreed that the lopsided trade balance needs rectification, and decided to set up an office to facilitate Israeli exports to Mexico.

The Mexican minister also said that his government would welcome joint projects with Israel in the energy field.

On the next leg of his trip Moda'i met with ministers of the Brazilian government in Brasilia, where he discussed possible joint projects relating to synthetic fuels that Brazil has been developing.

Moda'i suggested that Israel could contribute to developing engines suitable for the fuels. Joint research and development projects in the utilization of oil shale were also discussed.

Data collection system

TEL AVIV. — Elta Electronics and Decision Systems, which specialize in computer hardware and software, respectively, are now developing a data collection system which is claimed to be "the last word" in the field. Some \$1.3 million is being invested in the project, with 50 per cent of the funds coming from the B.I.R.D. Foundation.

Decision Systems, which has been writing software programmes for over 20 years in the U.S., has been active in Israel for the past four years. Its headquarters are in Givatayim.

WHAT'S ON

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JERUSALEM MUSEUMS

Israel Museum. Opening Exhibition: Photographs of Manuel Alvarez Bravo, 60 year retrospective (open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.). Continuing Exhibitions: Oil Lamp Section; Permanent Collection of Judaica, Art and Archaeology; 52 Months to Job One; Letterheads by Pentagram; Primitive Art from museum collection; Looking at Pictures; Paper: Jarry, Two Spectacles; Permanent Exhibition in Pre-History Hall; Egyptian and Babylonian; Sing Vivaldi. Special Exhibits: 5th Cent. Byzantine Church mosaic; J. Brühns in photographs; Capernaum gold coin hoard; Selfer Ma'aseh Tuvya; Japanese Miniature sculpture, 18th-19th cent.; Kadash Baraa, Judean Kings; Jerusalem, Jerusalem (Rockefeller Museum); Wonderful World of Paper (Paley Centre next to Rockefeller Museum).

Visiting Hours: Main Museum 4-10. At 4.30: Guided tour in English. Piano recital by Ramla Bar-Nir, tenor, by Mendelssohn, J.S. Bach, Bar-Nir, Chopin, Gershwin, 6 and 8.30: Film, "Allegro Non Troppo". 7.15: Gallery Talk, "Renewed Exhibit in Prehistory Gallery", by Baruch Brimmer, Assistant Curator.

CONDUCTED TOURS

HADASSAH — Guided tour of all installations. Hourly tours at Kiryat Hadassah and Hadassah Mt. Scopus. Information, reservations: 02-161333, 02-426271. Hebrew University. 1. Tours in English at 9 and 11 a.m. from Administration Building, Givat Ram Campus. Buses 9 and 28. 2. Mount Scopus tours 11 a.m. from the Brodsky Reception Centre, Sherman Building. Buses 9 and 28 to last stop. Further details: Tel. 02-5822819. American Museum of Natural History. Free Morning tours: 8 Aikali Street, Jerusalem. Tel. 02-699222.

TEL AVIV MUSEUMS

Tel Aviv Museum. New Exhibitions: Expressions, A.R. Penck, Expedition to the Holy Land, Helmut Lang, Photographs 1910-1947, Impressionism and Post-Impressionism, 20th cent. Art. Israeli Art: New Acquisitions (1982-83). Gubi Klamer, David Reeb, Landscapes (1983). 11 sculptures and Triptych, Igael Tumarkin. Visiting hours: Sun-Thur. 10-10. Sat. 10-12. Fri. closed. Helmut Lang, Helmut Lang Pavilion Visiting Hours: Sun-Thur. 9-1; Fri. Sat. 10-2. Fri. closed.

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WIZO: To visit our projects call Tel Aviv, 23239; Jerusalem, 226060; Haifa, 89537. FINEST WOMEN — NA'AMAT. Morning Call for reservations: Tel Aviv, 256096. MISCELLANEOUS Hadassah Visitors Dept. Please call 03-491489.

Haifa

Golden Age Club (Rothschild Community Centre, Mt. Carmel), today 4.15: Slide Lecture on Cambodia, by Mr. Shlomo Markovitz. Guests and new members welcome. What's On in Haifa, dial 04-440840.

Rehovot

The Weizmann Institute. Grounds open to public from 8.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Visitors invited to see audio-visual programme on Institute's research activities, shown regularly at 11.00 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. Friday 11 a.m. only. Tours of the Weizmann House every half hour from 10.00 to 3.30 p.m., Sunday to Thursday. Nominal fee for admission to Weizmann House. No visits on Saturdays and holidays.

Yesterday's solutions

ACROSS: 1 Smooth, 4 Dover, 6 Cream, 7 Fodder, 10 Diagram, 11 Wanda, 12 Pile, 14 Lira, 15 Inch, 16 Kilo, 17 Arise, 18 Lament, 19 Dime, 20 Tame, 21 Larks, 22 Uccelli. DOWN: 1 Dodo, 2 Value, 3 Lark, 4 Lark, 5 Lark, 6 Lark, 7 Lark, 8 Lark, 9 Lark, 10 Lark, 11 Lark, 12 Lark, 13 Lark, 14 Lark, 15 Lark, 16 Lark, 17 Lark, 18 Lark, 19 Lark, 20 Lark, 21 Lark, 22 Lark.

Ministry of Education and Culture Notice to Parents Obtaining School Books for the Coming School Year

At this time, as we approach the end of the school year, the Ministry of Education and Culture has asked schools to give pupils a list of the school books they will need for the coming year.

Parents and pupils are asked to:

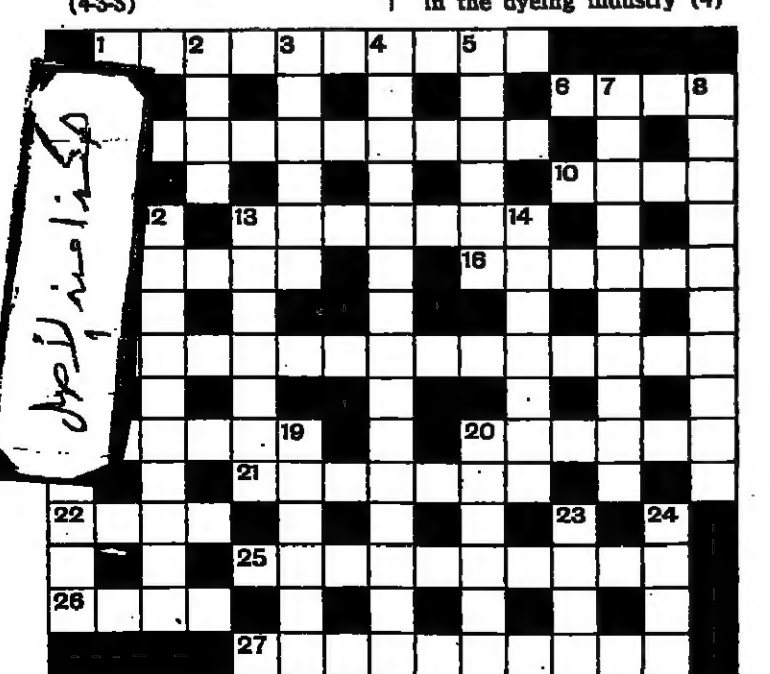
- * try and obtain these books by exchange between pupils
- * apply to book shops for the books they have to buy or order, in good time

Parents committees are asked to help organize "book fairs" at the schools or in residential areas.



ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- The way in which American financial interests operate (4, 6)
 - A doctor's prophetic personality (4)
 - An undertaker who isn't expanding? (10)
 - Seed case that turns up at 23 (4)
 - Busy newspaper chief swallowing an egg salad (7)
 - A fish one gets in? Well, no (6)
 - She put nothing back into the briny (6)
 - Once-powerful Baltic trade union (8, 6)
 - Abandon the fight against waste? (6)
 - By no means a big shot (6)
 - Decided not to ask for terms? (7)
 - A method that's clearly out of place (4)
 - Mad allocation I share and esteem (10)
 - Kind of basket in which coal is kept (4)
 - A fight no-one pays to see? (4-5-5)
- DOWN
- Candle-light in Caithness (4)
 - Advanced one good reason for abstinence? (4)
 - Best time of the year to procure the release of a prisoner? (6)
 - Attempt to beat the Enemy (4, 7, 4)
 - Returns and does havoc, the sea does to the land (6)
 - A metal ring fashioned to keep a horse's head down (10)
 - The only merchants who handle flat-fish? (4, 6)
 - Episcopal church headquarters (10)
 - Swap places with bank? There's nothing in it (5, 5)
 - Ned's are mistreated which inspires affection (7)
 - A hindrance indeed removed from the record (7)
 - Offer that requires gentle handling (8)
 - Adriatic resort in which operas may be seen (8)
 - E.E.C. currency left to a terrorist organisation (4)
 - Motherless animal employed in the dyeing industry (4)



GENERAL ASSISTANCE

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Magen David Adom first aid centres are open from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Emergency home calls by doctors at fixed rates. Sick Fund members should enquire about rebate.

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'Expomedical 83' exhibition to show equipment worth \$15m.

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Commercial technological advances in medicine are rapidly becoming an important force in bringing together doctors of various disciplines, who during the year lack contact with each other, according to Prof. Dan Michaeli, head of the Ichilov Medical Centre. He was speaking at a press conference dedicated to "Expomedical '83 — an International Exhibition for Hospital and Medical Equipment and Pharmaceuticals," which will be held at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds June 20 to 23.

"An earlier generation of doctors could expect technological innovations once every 20 to 25 years; today, we have a 'new generation' of equipment every three years. And such an exhibition brings together physicians trained in different fields, and all the supporting staff, such as microbiologists and nurses," he said.

During the meeting, which will be attended by 26 associations of medical specialties in Israel, such as surgery, gastroenterology and cardiology, a variety of scientific lectures will be held. Some 2,000 physicians will attend the lectures, and another 5,000 persons, mainly

physicians, are expected to drop in for one or two days.

A total of 207 companies, of which only 37 are from Israel, have put goods valued at \$15 million on display. The foreign companies come mainly from Europe, but there are also some from Japan and Australia.

The primary exhibits include medical engineering, medical, medical and orthopedic equipment and supplies, operating theatre equipment, intensive care units, X-ray machines, laboratory and dental equipment and supplies, pharmaceuticals and chemicals, optical special hospital supplies, nursing uniforms and professional literature.

The first "Expomedical" exhibition was held in 1972, the second in 1976, and in the future it is planned to hold one every year. The one next year will concentrate on problems of nursing, and some 500 nurses, many from abroad, are expected to attend.

Gideon Rivlin, of the Knesset firm of exhibition organizers, said that due to the strike, it was impossible to predict the number of doctors attending. The doctors have a lot of time, but under the circumstances many are preoccupied and may not be in the mood to attend.

Domain Magnetics of Jerusalem expands

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Domain Magnetics, of Jerusalem, which belongs to Danot Investments, is now engaged in a full-fledged expansion programme. This includes production totals, the range of products and the expansion of overseas outlets.

Until now, Domain made only tapes for tape recorders, but it is now developing full lines of tapes for

audio cassettes and tapes for computers. The number of agents in Europe will soon be doubled, to 12.

Jeruch Wellstein, 51, a graduate of the Technion, who has had 26 years' experience in various industrial plants, recently joined Domain as its general manager. He replaces Oded Erez, who was promoted to deputy managing director of Danot Investments.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL: 8.15 Judaism 7.9 8.40 English 5.9 9.00 English 9.25 The History of Eretz Yisrael 10.10 English 6.10.25 Math/Geometry 3.10.40 English 7.10.25 Simple Arithmetic 11.30 English 9.11.40 Advice and Guidance 7.9 12.05 Science 7.8 12.30 English 10.13.00 History 13.30 Music 13.30 Ma Pion: Geography; Creative Hands (repeats) 16.00 Family Hour; drama 17.00 A New Evening

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:

17.30 3, 4, 5H — The Process and the Moon 17.50 Faster, Higher, Stronger — a 7-part magazine

ARABIC-LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES:

18.30 News roundup 18.30 Youth Magazine 18.32 Youth Magazine 18.45 What's the Answer 19.00 Documentary on the open bridges of Jordan (repeats) 19.25 Ramadan quiz 19.30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup

20.03 Rhoda: Ida's Roommate 20.30 Kolobek — weekly consumer magazine 21.00 Mabat Newsweek 21.30 Michel Ezra Saffra and Sons — part 2 of a 3-part serial based on Amnon Shumoni's book on the life of a Jewish family in Syria 22.50 Tales of the Unexpected: Operation Safecheck 23.15 News

JORDAN TV (unofficial):

17.00 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 18.20 JTV 3 Health 18.45 French 19.00 News 19.05 French 19.30 News 19.35 Hebrew 19.45 Magazine Zero One 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Movie of the Week 22.00 News in English 22.15 Dallas

ON THE AIR

Voice of music

6.02 Musical Clock 7.07 Bach-Vivaldi: Concerto for Four Harpsichords; J.C. Bach: Sonata No. 4; Mozart: Concerto for 2 Violins, K.190; Franck: Introduction, Fugue & Variation (Kazuko Ishida, organ); Gellhorn: Fantasy for Flute, Harp & Strings (Hanael Tel-Oren, Wilhelmine Bucherer); Schubert: Violin Sonata No.3 (Zukerman, Baruch); Chopin: Polonaise brillante, Op.22 (Walter Huetz, J.S.O. Rodan); Mozart: Symphony No.38 (J.S.O. Ouz Kempner); Haydn: Cello Concerto in D (Paul Tortorella); Respighi: Fountains of Rome (Minche); Bruckner: Violin Concerto (Zukerman, IPO, Mehta); Mahler: Symphony No.1 (IPO, Mehta); Scriabin: Piano Sonata No.1 (John Ogden).

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The rule of law and the West Bank

By ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

THE PRIMACY of civil, rather than military, authority should be a primary objective of Israeli policy in the administered areas. Whatever form a final settlement may take, it is clear today that the realities in the West Bank are not those of a conventional military occupation. Moreover, some Jewish presence is a fact of permanence that deserves recognition.

The Camp David Accords call for a withdrawal of military government. If this cannot be accomplished in full as long as the autonomy negotiations are suspended, this nation's commitment to the rule of law requires that it be effected as speedily as possible in stages, as circumstances permit. The Jewish civilian population in the West Bank and Gaza is the logical place to begin.

The failure of the authorities to deal with the vigilante law-breaking of settlers in Judea and Samaria has brought the matter to a head. Police Inspector-General Arye Ivtzan has stated categorically, as reported in *The Jerusalem Post* of May 23, that "until Israeli law is imposed in the territories, the police are not in a position to act there." The attorney-general, Prof. Yitzhak Zamir, while not without legal standing in the territories, given the jurisdiction of Israeli courts over criminal actions by Israeli citizens and tourists in the administered areas, seems sensitive to the limitations on his role deriving from present legal and administrative arrangements recognizing the primacy of the military in the areas.

This is the likeliest explanation for his refusal to place the so-called

Karp report before the committees of the Knesset. Given the primary responsibility of the military, Professor Zamir would prefer to work out a system of effective coordination, rather than politicize the issue by a public airing. There seems no valid basis for a claim to executive privilege, justifying a refusal to supply the Knesset information it requests. The reported reluctance to deal vigorously with recent allegations of criminal actions contrasts with the creation of a judicial commission of inquiry to investigate the Arlosoroff murder of 50 years ago.

PARADOXICALLY perhaps, the requirements of the rule of law and the challenge of settler lawlessness are best met by what is often regarded as an act of annexation — the extension of Israeli law, jurisdiction, and administration. In the early days of independence, there was a clear distinction in law between the limits of the State of Israel and areas of formerly mandatory Palestine under Israeli occupation, to which Israeli law had been extended. In later years, this distinction

was abandoned in practice. Doubts continued to abound as to whether the extension of Israeli law, jurisdiction and administration, as the post-Six Day War law provided, constituted formal annexation. When the government applied the provisions of the law to reunite Jerusalem, Israel's UN representative declared that there had been no formal act of annexation. The issue was resolved definitively only with the passage of Geula Cohen's Jerusalem Law.

Surely the extension of Israeli law, if accompanied by an explicit declaration that it was without prejudice to the determination of the final status of the territories, would not touch on the issue of sovereignty. It would be designed to replace not the authority of Jordan, non-existent in any case with regard to Jewish settlers, but rather that of Israel's military, in favour of its civilian institutions. It would be designed to strengthen the rule of law.

There is sound judicial authority for such action. Justice Haim Cohn, in a celebrated case involving the "exports" of antiquities from

Hebron to Jerusalem, declared: "I see no objection to extending Israeli law to occupied areas without any intention to annex them to the territory of the state."

Such an extension of Israeli law deserves the support of all who are concerned over infringements of the rule of law, including opponents of annexation. It should not be a partisan issue. The supremacy of civilian, over military, authority is a necessary first step. The police must be independent of military control.

THE DEGREE of civilian control in the occupied area that exists today rests on uncertain foundations. According to some experts, the jurisdiction of the High Court of Justice in cases from the areas, such as the seizure of land for settlement, depends on a long-standing gentlemen's agreement, according to which the attorney-general refrains from challenging the court's jurisdiction. That is, it is a self-imposed restriction, based on a reluctance to permit legalities to prevent the adjudication of basic human rights in an area over which Israel has assumed responsibility

through its military occupation. The continuation of such a certain legal state of affairs is tolerable, particularly in light of the uncertainty surrounding the ideas of Professor Zamir's successor, David Shilansky, for example, one of those mentioned for the continuation to acquiesce in High Court jurisdiction in cases such as the Moreh or the expulsion of the Bank mayors?

The failure to extend Israeli law to the territories weakens civil authority and hence the rule of law. It does not weaken the prospect of annexation. By permitting the settlers to act beyond the reach of conventional civilian authority, their capacity for violence is enhanced and even legitimized. They become part of the military control system, the only law there.

The extension of Israeli law jurisdiction and administration, however limited a form would be effective counter to the separatist regionalism of the settlers, described by political scientists Giora Goldberg and Ephraim Ben-Zadok in the current issue of the scholarly journal, *Mishal Vihaim Ben-Zadok*. The authors point out, today, vigilante violence is a sign of the public order in the territories. At a time of crisis, such as the making of a political settlement, the deem unsatisfactory, their action could disregard territorial limitations and threaten the heart of the domestic order itself.

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The propaganda war

By MOSHE SHARON

IF THERE were any need for proof that Israel's information front is no less important than the military one, Operation Peace for Galilee supplied it.

Respectable newspapers in the West and no less respectable TV networks in the U.S. and elsewhere competed to present Israel in a hostile light. Figures on casualties and refugees supplied by the PLO, and its version of atrocities, scribbling them to the IDF, were swallowed wholesale. Slandering Israel became a kind of international sport.

The most disturbing element in this was that reporters and editors chose to ignore facts favourable to Israel and accepted sheer lies as pure and objective facts, which served to blacken Israel's name. A few raised their voices against the tendentious anti-Israeli propaganda presented as reporting, but as important as they were, they were drowned out by the thousands of voices who made it their business to prosecute and judge Israel.

Israel had not prepared itself for this facet of the war, and what is worse, it has not learned much from having been badly hurt by it. The war was an isolated event. It exposed a weakness that has long been there and is in urgent need of treatment. To begin with, the main propaganda front is not outside the country but here, on our own doorstep. While the rich Arab states spend vast amounts on anti-Israeli propaganda abroad, there is a source of inexpensive, highly effective Arab propaganda in Israel — all the Arabs who live here, in particular, those who speak English or any European language. Even more effective are those whose jobs bring them into contact with foreign visitors. As far as Israel is concerned, Arab tourist guides licensed by the Ministry of Tourism are in the best position to turn even friends of Israel into enemies.

From personal experience, I have found that almost every Arab is a propagandist. In an amazingly short time, an Arab will turn any discussion with a foreign visitor into a monologue on Israel's oppressive policy towards the Arabs under its control. In this respect, there is very little difference between Israeli Arabs and those who live in the administered territories.

This kind of propaganda is effective because it comes from thousands of people, and there is nothing to counter it. Mostly it is based on pure lies, which are presented with great dexterity and an air of conviction that this is the absolute truth. Lies have proved to be an extremely effective weapon in the Arab propaganda war through constant repetition. Lies are especially effective when directed at foreigners who know almost nothing about the realities of Israel.

ONE EXAMPLE, and a very mild one, will suffice to illustrate this

argument. American friends have told me that Arabs in Bethlehem and elsewhere complained that Israel is systematically preventing the development of education in the administered territories. This is an outright lie, but the American visitor has no way of determining the truth, and a lie spoken with conviction becomes devastatingly effective in a man-to-man conversation. How is an American or any other visitor to know that what Israel spends on education in Judea and Samaria and the Gaza district is several times what the Jordanians and Egyptians spent when they controlled these territories. How is he to know that five universities and institutions of higher education have been established in Judea and Samaria since Israel took over these territories; the Jordanians did not allow even one university to be established.

A popular Arab proverb says "Lie is the salt of man." In other words, lying is not necessarily immoral; it is more than welcome when used to combat the enemy.

There is no way the Jews in this country could counter this man-to-man, day-to-day propaganda, because they, like the Europeans and the Americans, are the products of a culture in which doubt and self-criticism are dominant. In

Western culture, the individual cannot claim to possess the exclusive truth and justice. With the tendency to examine "the other side's" opinions and views, the Israeli lives with self-doubt. Westerners in general, Israelis included, are in an inferior position to the Arabs when it comes to presenting their case; they always present it with an element of defence and apology.

Arab-Islamic monolithic society and culture are based on the idea of exclusivity and complete self-assuredness. Self criticism rarely enters the mind of the Arab. He never doubts the complete, absolute and unquestioned justice of his cause. In a dispute with a non-Arab, truth and justice are completely on his side, and though he will be happy to join in the criticism when his opponent looks at himself, he will never do so should the tables be turned. Since truth and justice are exclusively on his side, his opponent's arguments are neither important nor actually relevant.

A SPECIAL CASE in the daily spread of Arab propaganda is the Arab tourist guide. These guides meet tens of thousands of tourists every year and make the most of having a captive audience. The Ministry of Tourism and the

Foreign Ministry are very aware of what goes on, but have found a way of dealing with it. The guides' activity is particularly damaging, because they have an aura of authority, and tourists neither means nor the incense to question the quality of the merchandise sold them. Thousands of tourists come to Israel as potential friends and leave as enemies. They are the best proof of the effectiveness of the propaganda preferred by guides licensed by the Jewish State.

A ministry of information greatly needed and why one is not established is beyond my comprehension. Action should be taken immediately to neutralize the propaganda of guides. For this best experts on mass propaganda should be summoned to form a body that would create the tool with which to reach tourists. I should be a continuous campaign for the attention and sympathy of visitors. A highly important contributor to the campaign could be the pro-Israeli Christian bodies as concerned Christians who are constantly engaged in presenting Israel's case and do so excellently. But these bodies, the most prominent of which is the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem need expert help, and I should be provided as part of the overall campaign on the home front.

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A DETAINEE at the Ansar camp in Southern Lebanon was shot dead by Israeli guards while trying to escape on Sunday. The incident would be investigated, an IDF spokesman has announced. The PLO had earlier charged that three of their men in Ansar had been killed recently; in retaliation, they said, the six Israeli soldiers held prisoner by the Fatah had been placed in solitary confinement. But the PLO charges have been flatly denied by the IDF.

PLO propaganda has for some time now sought to portray Israel's treatment of the 4,600 mostly Palestinian war detainees at Ansar as brutal and inhuman, especially when compared with the fine, and well publicized, condition of the eight Israeli soldiers in their hands. The one kernel of truth in this accusation seems to be that the Ansar detainees, unhappy over their continued incarceration, are often in a mutinous mood. But had Israel pursued a deliberate policy of maltreatment, it would surely not have allowed the International Committee of the Red Cross to have a permanent representative at the camp.

The real trouble with Ansar is that it is still there, more than a year after the start of the Lebanese war, and long after the hostilities have died down. Why cannot a prisoner exchange be arranged, and the camp closed down?

The blame certainly does not lie with Israel. Late last year, shortly after the PLO's evacuation of Beirut, Israel's government set a diplomatic process in motion designed to secure a prisoner exchange agreement. The then Austrian Chancellor, Bruno Kreisky, known for his close ties with the PLO, was the main intermediary. A leading Israeli "dove," Arye (Lova) Eliav, was this country's chief representative to the talks.

One initial stumbling block was the PLO's insistence that its men be legally recognized as prisoners of war. This was meant not to guarantee better protection for the men at camp, but to confer the status of legal combatant on the PLO itself. This was something Israel could not accept. But on the substantive terms of a prisoner swap Israel proved to be exceedingly liberal.

In view of Israel's traditional solicitude for its fighting men, this was hardly surprising. But it was still something for Israel to offer the release of thousands of Ansar detainees for the handful of its own soldiers fallen prisoners — six in Fatah hands and two held by Ahmed Jibril's tiny Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command. (Three Israeli soldiers are kept in prison by the Syrians, and their release is one of the conditions of the IDF's pullback from Lebanon).

A prisoner exchange agreement with the PLO is currently being held up because of the recalcitrance of Ahmed Jibril. The reason for this terrorist chieftain's refusal to cooperate is not known. He is simply not available for comment.

Last week Lebanon's president, Amin Jemayel, in a widely advertised gesture of goodwill toward the PLO, pledged "continuous effort" to secure the release of all the Ansar detainees. No such effort, continuous or otherwise, on Mr. Jemayel's part is necessary. What is needed is some pressure on Ahmed Jibril, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat is aware of this, but with his hands still full battling the rebels within his own Fatah, he may be powerless to twist the rejectionist Jibril's arm.

In the meantime Israel is obliged to keep the Ansar camp, seething as it is with discontent, under tight control — and wait hopefully for the day when its own men will be freed from PLO captivity.

Big Brother

RARELY, if ever, has Israel signed a treaty with a foreign country only to bar its implementation at the very last moment when the citizenry could take advantage of it. Yet this is what the Treasury has done in the case of the Social Security Treaty which was concluded with West Germany in 1975 and which went into effect in 1980.

This past Sunday was the last day on which Israeli citizens could sign up for a German pension plan under the treaty. On that same day, it was reported that the Treasury had forbidden Israelis to join any such foreign scheme — unless they could pay into it from foreign currency deposits legally held abroad, or had already started making payments.

Some tens of thousands of Israelis had already signed up for the German plan. Now the Treasury claimed they were about to make a bad deal, implying that the German government somehow was behind a dubious scheme. That implicit accusation was not diluted by the Treasury's attempt to point the finger at the local sponsors of the pension plan for failing to make clear in their advertisements all of the scheme's shortcomings.

If the Treasury indeed only intended in good faith to warn off the public, it could have discharged its duty by simply issuing public statements about the risks applicants were taking.

It is, to put it mildly, a strange procedure for an administration, ostensibly committed to the principle of free individual choice, to protect its citizens from possible error by legally barring them from actions which it had itself initially made possible. It is also a strange way of dealing with another, friendly, government.

Another, and arguably weightier, reason that prompted the Treasury to clamp the lid on the German pension scheme was concern for the state of the country's economy. This, because people signing up would have had to pay up to DM23,000 to be entitled to a monthly pension payment after reaching the age of 65.

Under Mr. Aridor, the Treasury has not usually been so anxious about Israel's foreign currency reserves. In this particular instance, the anxiety may not have been fully warranted, if only because some categories of insured persons (invalids, widows, persons over 65) would have started getting their monthly payments right away.

In any case, the time for the Treasury to act was not on the last day for joining the pension scheme but months earlier, and preferably three years ago, when the treaty with West Germany went into effect.

READERS' LETTERS

'MESSIAH' PROTEST

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*. Sir, — Your reporter Judy Siegel obviously did not attend "The Messiah" concert (Chief Rabbi gave okay to 'Messiah' protest — June 12). Here are the facts:

1. Her descriptions (repeated almost verbatim from Robert Rosenberg's earlier article) implied that there was one sustained interruption, including the accurately cited shouting, scuffling, leaping on stage, capped by the lamentable throwing down of the national flag, all of which took 20 minutes to quell. In fact, about seven separate outbursts occurred both before and after the intermission, but in each case, the performers carried right on despite the uproar, or resumed after only a very few minutes' break.

2. The Utah Oratorio Society is continually referred to as Mormon. While its membership may include a preponderance of Mormons, it should not be confused with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

3. To my knowledge, the Utah Oratorio Society never performed at Abu Ghosh as stated by Ms Siegel.

4. Ms Siegel further states that Rabbi Shafran (identified as assistant to the Chief Rabbi) stated that "we would have been less opposed"

to the performance... if the lyrics had not been distributed to the audience which was invited to sing along with the performers." No texts were distributed to the audience; no one was invited to sing. A few scattered members in the audience stood up in respect when the Hallelujah chorus was sung (an old British custom, I am told).

DINA COLE
(Formerly of Salt Lake City, Utah)
Jerusalem.

SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*. Sir, — We read with interest your special supplement on South African tourism as we have recently returned from a month in South Africa ourselves.

"Bottled pleasure" was particularly enjoyable but raised a question which we thought you might be able to answer: can South African wines be purchased anywhere in Israel?

SARA SILVER
CHARLES SOLOMON

Jerusalem.
Joanna Yehiel comments:
South African wines are not on sale here.

UNCARING DOCTORS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*. Sir, — As a British nurse working as a volunteer on Moshav Sde Nitzan, I feel that I must express my absolute disgust and horror at the behaviour (and some might easily say, professional misconduct) of your medical staff.

In the medical-nursing field of practice, there is something above money, above financial grievances, and that, my medical colleagues, is the patient (in case you had forgot-

ten). I cannot conceive how the medical staff who entered "the caring profession" can be so uncaring. By all means negotiate, arbitrate, haggle and bargain for better salaries and conditions which you rightly deserve, but do not soil any monetary gains by the exploitation of what is your source of income — your patient.

ADRIAN BEATTIE, SRN
Moshav Sde Nitzan.

LOST TRIBES OF ISRAEL

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*. Sir, — I was amused by Chaim Bernant's article of May 29 about Pathans in Pakistan being Jews.

During World War II, I was the adjutant of a Gurkha battalion stationed in then Indian tribal territory. My colonel, who was not anti-Semitic, frequently asked me if I would stop my relations shooting and attacking us, as there was a known tradition that they were part of the lost tribes of Israel.

My views and, I think, my CO's entirely coincided with those of Chaim Bernant, although I had never heard of this nonsense before or since.

S. CASSELL
Natalya.

PENFRIENDS

HEATHER DAVIE of M.S. 574, Mt. Byron Homestead, Via Esk Queensland, 4312 Australia, would like to correspond with Israeli men between the ages of 19 and 23. She is interested in handicrafts, scouting and Zionism.

ALFRED WOODWARD of 1 Paget Terrace, Penarth, S. Glamorgan, S. Wales, Great Britain CF6, 1DR, would like to correspond with Israeli men over the age of 25. He is interested in reading, writing and music.

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HELPFUL POLICE

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*. Sir, — I have just returned from a nine-day visit to your marvelous country to try to establish the whereabouts of my younger son, who was last heard of in Israel two and a half years ago.

That I was successful in so short a time was due mainly to the unstinted efforts of your police; and I cannot tell you how heartened I was, right from the outset of my inquiries, to find such humane interest and sympathetic willingness

to render assistance to me, a complete foreigner.

The circumstances of my coming to Israel were not exactly relaxed to start with, but the warmth and friendliness of the reception, received, and the general hospitality extended to me often virtual strangers, made the whole experience immensely enriching. I shall come again for the she enjoyment.

LIONEL SAYER
London

MAKING HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*. Sir, — Cheers for Deputy Prime Minister David Levy! I couldn't care less for the underlying motives, if any, of this initiative against remunerative professional activities of Knesset Members (May 30): the case is sound, the arguments are valid and fully deserve the instant support they are reported to have received from cabinet ministers and the Attorney-General.

If Knesset Members were paid according to their attendance of our parliament's sessions, a supplement-

tary source of income, while their privileges, would be mandatory simply to keep body and together. But since the habit of absenteeism of our elected makers continues to be ignored, condoned, there is simply no excuse for pocketing a salary for that rationally performed service and the same time, making hay while sun shines.

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